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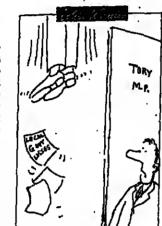
Major: I will win general election

DONALD MACINTYRE and NICHOLAS TIMMINS

An unbowed John Major yesterday declared that the Tories would still win the general elec-tion – despite the second worst defeat in local government his-tory inflicted on his party. The Prime Minister pledged to let Parliament run its full course before going to the country, Mr Major, convinced that the

threat to his own leadership is now lifted, said: "We have another year of this Parliament left. I went the whole five years in the last Parliament and I won let the people judge us on what we have done at the end of our term of office when we will lay before them all the things we have achieved."

As Tory strategists absorbed the shock of losing 567 council scats in every part of the country. Mr Major firmly blamed the "pain" inflicted by the "difficult economic decisions" he had taken for a rout which wiped his more out in 20 local authorities meluding one-time strongholds like Basildon, the Thatcherite bastion, Peterborough, the political base of Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, and Cherwell, in the green beart of Oxfordshire. The result put a record 210 councils under Labour control. and in 20 councils the remaining Conservative councillors erament, outstripping the Con-were completely wiped ont, servatives in both numbers of Frank Dobson, Labour's local government spokesman, to dub them "Toryfree zones. These included



not just traditional Labour northern strongholds but councils such as Oxford, Lincola, Harlow, Stevenage, Hastings: and Slough

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The Liberal Democrats

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traditional Tory heartlands such as Tunbridge Wells, Woking, Wokingham and Hastings. They consolidated their position as the second party in local govcouncillors and councils controlled, and raised their share of the vote on last year's local

The main consolation for the Conservatives was that

cent last year to 16 per cent this on the BBC's analysis - underpinning the repeated warning of the Labour leader, Tony Blair, to his party not to he complacent. They also retained control of all four councils they were de-fending, although in Runnymede they did so only on the strength of the Mayor's casting

Labour's lead in terms of the

share of the vote fell from 21 per

Paddy Ashdown said the re-sults - seven council gains, a record number of councillors and a rise on last year in share of the vote - gave the Liberal Democrats "the best general election launch pad we have ever had".

His party had beaten the Consevatives "comprehensively into third place" in local government. "We are winning where we need to win to beat gained seven councils - taking the Conservatives and we have their total to 55 - including once become the opposition to Labour where they govern had-ly in northern cities," he said, citing Manchester and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Tony Blair said the results "excellent for new Labour" and "spectacularly bad for the Conservatives" who were able ony to "scratch around for the odd piece of statistical comfort".

He accused the Tories of reacting with complacency and arrogance to the results that Labour, despite the scale of its gains, pointedly eschewed. TURN TO PAGE 2 Where there are wheels, there's a way



Trick cyclist: A German stuntman, Jochen Schweizer, making a bungee jump on his more television tower yesterday. He was advertising his own bungee jumping centre Photograph: Michael Probst/AP

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UN report says Israel slaughter was deliberate

DAVID USBORNE New York

The bombardment of a United Nations peace-keeping camp in southern Lebanon by Israeli forces last month was calculated to ensure not only that the tamp itself was struck but also that the shells would fall just in front of its entrance to ensure maximum civilian casualties, a draft UN report charges.

The claim, which threatens to spark a diplomatic storm over the conduct of Israeli commanders during last month's conflict in Lebanon, is contained in a first draft of a report completed for the UN Secretary-General. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, by his military adviser, General Frank Van Kappen.

This is the most devastating item in his report," a senior UN official confirmed last night. "It seems that they knew where most of the civilians were and aimed for that area."

The UN refused last night to reveal any details of the report's content and insisted that it was still subject to changes by Gen-eral Van Kappen. The truth is that it is not ready yet." Sylvana Fou. the UN's spokeswoman

The UN facility at Qana, which served as the headquarters of a Fijian battalion of peace-keepers in the area, was destroyed by Israeli shells on 18 April it was crammed with Lebanese refugees and more to the report itself.

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than 100 were killed. It appears that when the hombardment started most of the civilians were gathered just outside the

While it was widely known that General Van Kappen had concluded that the camp had been deliberately targeted in the attack, his charge that the shells were even more carefully aimed to hit the greatest number of civilians adds another powerful dimension to his conclusions.

Mitigating the evidence against Israel, however, is the revelation that Hizbollah guerrillas who had been firing Katyusha rockets into Israeli territory from a placement close to the UN camp had been run-ning in and out of its boundary and using it as a hiding place. For this reason, it appears, the Israeli commanders considered

the camp a fair target. Moroever, General Van Kappen reportedly suggests that the Fijian commanders were fully aware of the guerrillas'

Diplomats said they expected Mr Boutros-Ghali to offer an oral briefing on the General's findings to the UN Security Council on Monday afternoon. Israel has been given until noon on Monday to offer fresh evidence contradicting General Van Kappen. Failing that, his report is expected to stand as now

drafted. It is unclear what will happen

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Thousands are addicted to lottery, Camelot admits

Camelot, the National Lottery operator, admitted yesterday that thousands of people have become addicted to the game. Louise White, Camelot's

public affairs manager, told delegates to a Scottish conference on the lottery: "Socially there have been obvious areas of concern, particularly with regard to addiction and underage playing."
The Methodist Church wel-comed the admission as "an ac-

knowledgement of reality". Speaking in Edinburgh, Ms White added: "The addiction problem does exist. There is indoubtedly a small percentage

of players who are unfortu- to the National Lottery a way nately spending more than they should on the lottery." Ms White agreed later at a news conference that even a tiny percentage of the playing pop-

ulation could mean there were many thousands of addicts. Her comments came on the eve of today's rollover draw which carries an estimated jackpot of £20 million. But the main cause for concern, she said, were the Instants scratch-

David Deeks, co-ordinating secretary on church and social matters for the Methodists. said: "We bave said from the very beginning that the introduction of Instants has brought

of gambling which is known to be compulsive.

Methodists have called for the abolition of scratchcards, but short of that they want the minimum age for players to be raised from 16 to 18 and tele-

vision advertising to be banned. Leading clerics from all denominations are united over their concerns surrounding the lottery and a group represent-ing the Council of Churches of Britain and Ireland has already met Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary,

to voice their fears. Gamblers' Anonymous would not be drawn on the controversy, but a spokesman for

regulator, said: "The Director General has a duty not to license any game which he considers will contribute to excessive play He bas not licensed any such game." Seven scratchcard surveys, involving 13,000 people, had been carried out Offor's behalf, but findings to date

were "unreliable". clearer, but what we can say is that there is no evidence of addiction in this country," said the spokesman. "Offot has discussed the possibility of addiction with Gamblers' Anonymous and other counselling groups and asked to be advised of any information."

Big chill for the bank holiday

The bank holiday started in pre- weather in the south. It will stay dictable fashion yesterday with packed airports, jams on roads to the coast and the prospect of miserable weather.

An Arctic chill blowing in from the North Sea promises temperatures no higher than 10C across England and Wales. Scotland has been warned to brace itself for wintry showers.
Roday's weather is expected to start cold and frosty with

showers developing to put a damper on outdoor activities. The outlook for tomorrow and Monday is slightly more optimistic, with rain in the north and bright and mainly dry Association of British Travel

Agents. "Spain and Portugal are

favourite destinations and many With weather like that to look people are also taking a city forward to, around 250,000 break, with Paris, Amsterdam, British sunseekers fled yester-Venice and Rome popular." day for foreign hotspots. For Ferry company Stena said it was carrying about 100,000 pasthose stuck at home, motoring sengers on its continental routes organisations warned of serious congestion over the weekend and about 50,000 on its Irish Sea crossings, while the AA said it even though cones have been

pended on many main routes. With the weather so unpleasant there has been a lastminute rush to head off somewhere warmer this weekend." said Keith Betton, head of corporate affairs at the

section

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removed and roadworks sus-

IN BRIEF

Boy sent back A ten-year-old Zulu boy was

beading for South Africa after his white foster mother's attempt to keep him in Britain

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Convention conference ended without a total ban on anti-personnel land mines

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HIV kit falsely cleared four victims of virus

Four people who tested negative for HIV with a faulty testing kit have been told they are infected with the Aids virus, the Department of Health revealed

No details of the four individuals have been released, hut efforts to trace their sexual contacts to offer them HIV tests are now underway.

The confirmation of the false negatives follows the re-testing of more than 20,000 blood samples tested for HIV between July1995 and March this year, with the IMX HIV 1/2 3rd generation kit.

Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said in a statement: "I would like to extend my sympathies to [the four] individuals in what must be a very difficult situation."

The IMX kit, one of several used by the NHS, was withdrawn from sale worldwide on 25 March by its manufacturers, Abhott Laboratories Ltd in Chicago, after some European laboratories reported inaccurate results with it. A doctor in Portsmouth was among the first to query its reliability when a patient he knew to have full-

PETER RODGERS

and NIC CICUTTI

Royal Insurance and Sun

Alliance yesterday announced

a surprise £6bn merger to

produce the UK's largest

general insurer in a move that

will cost 5,000 jobs over the next

two years. The new Royal Sun

Alliance will be Britain's largest

household insurer with about a

fifth of the market, and in car

insurance will come a close

The agreed merger is the

higgest reshuffling of the pack

in the UK insurance market for

more than a decade and is

second to Direct Line.

News of the kit's withdrawal was leaked at the start of the Easter bank holiday when clinics and GP surgeries were closed, leaving thousands of people – initial estimates suggested that up to 40,000 were at risk - desperate for more information and advice.

Aids charities were inundated with calls, and bealth ministers were severely criticised for sitting on information about the faulty kits for a week as the Department of Health tried to organise re-testing facilities before making an announcement.

The Department said that since July last year a total of 23,620 blood samples in the UK had tested negative using the IMX kit. All available stored samples - 20,900 - had been retested and four of the negative results found to be wrong.

Stored samples were not available to re-test the remaining 2,720 negative results. About 800 of these were done in NHS clinics and the people concerned had been invited to provide fresh blood samples. The remaining 1,920 samples were provided for private tests, mainly for insurance purposes and visa applications on behalf of people considered to be at low risk of HIV infection. It is believed that only peo-

5,000 jobs go in merger

aimed at cutting costs at a time

combining forces to expand in

overseas markets. The City saw

a new wave of consolidation in

speculation that names such as

GRE, Commercial Union and

General Accident could be

Most of the joh losses will

come from the merged group's

28,000 UK employees, and the

cuts are part of a plan to save

a-year chief executive of Sun Al-

liance, who is to be executive

Roger Taylor, the £375,000-

£175m a year from 1998.

caught up in takeover fever.

of fierce competition, as well as staff cuts would be voluntary

the UK market, encouraging tary of Manufacturing Science

the merger plan as the start of ry redundancies.

ple with a very high number of antibodies to HIV in their blood were at risk of testing negative instead of positive with the IMX test. Antibody status may be related to the stage of infection with people only recently exposed to HIV and those on the verge of Aids being most likely to fit this profile.

Tom Lawson, spokesman for the Terrence Higgins Trust, said the Government had done well to carry out the re-testing of samples quickly. However, he said there were lessons to be learned about the Department's co-ordination with journalists and support groups during a public health crisis.

Four people who re-tested positive is four people too many. We have to ensure nothing like this is going to happen again," Mr Lawson said. "It must be enormously distressing for the people concerned. This is a terrible way to learn that you are HIV positive."

A spokesman for Abbott Laboratories Ltd in Chicago said last night that more than 2.5 million tests had been carried out worldwide with the IMX kit. The company had, until yesterday, been aware of one confirmed false negative in the UK and three others in Spain and France.

deputy chairman, said most

and through normal turnover,

but did not rule out compulso-

Finance - the insurance indus-

try union - attacked the jobs

threat. "We are seeking urgent

discussions. There is certainly

no 'feelgood factor' amongst

insurance staff today." Michael

Meacher, Labour's employ-

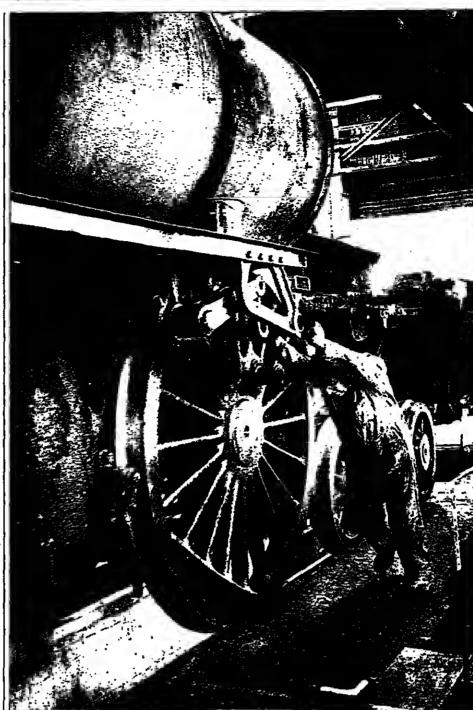
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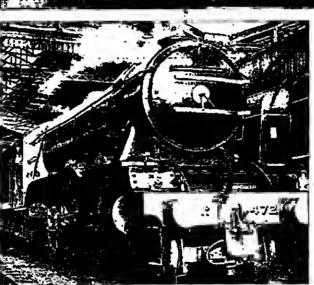
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Roger Lyons, general secre-





Scotsman to fly once more

A volunteer at work (above) on the legendary Hying Scotsman, which is being restored to its original condition (left) under the supervision of a new owner, businessman Dr Tony Marchington. The project - carried out by volunteer entiusiasts - will take another two years to complete, but the locomotive - designed by Sir Nigel Gresley and built in 1923 - should be back on the rails in 1998. Photograph: Alison McDougall

Vets are urged to boycott cattle cull

The British Veterinary Association last night urged vets to boycott the disposal of up to 21,000 cattle a week, plunging the government scheme to restore public confidence in beef into deeper chaos.

BVA chairman Bob Stevenson opposes the use of local vetrinary inspectors (LVIs) in authenticating the date of birth of animals - documentation vi-tal for the running of the scheme. The Intervention Board, overseeing the contro-versial cull, confirmed that vets were crucial to its success.

In an open letter to the letrinary Record, published today, Mr Stevenson objects to the fact that veterinary surgeons are expected to approve animals for slaughter without seeing them. "It is the BVA's belief that this scheme undermines the signa-ture of the veterinarian," he writes. "The BVA would have been happy to accept a scheme whereby LVIs were asked to do a veterinary job, namely, visit the farm, see the animals, check the breed and eartag numbers and correlate this information with the farm records."

Mr Stevenson says vets could be prosecuted if documentation proves to be incorrect. "Some arm records are notoriously unreliable. As presented, we question why the LVI should be involved at all. The BVA cannot agree to the scheme as presented and we are advising our

members not to take part in it." A BVA member told the Independent that the organisation expected large numbers of vets to back the boycott. "The Govemment is turning veterinary surgeons into office boys."

A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman described the dereiopment as "not belpful".

over 30 months old still does not appear to have got under way despite assurances earlier in the week from the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, that it was operating. The National Farmers Union the Licensed Auctioneers Association and Meat and Livestock Commission said it was not likely to start until after the Bank Holiday.

sation following his dismissal without notice."

"The payment compensates Mr Lewis only for the loss of

earnings and other benefits

which he would have obtained

had he been allowed to serve a

full notice period and for nth-

er incidental expenses."

Mr Lewis said in a statement

the settlement.

that he was "very pleased" with

It is understood that be has

agreed to drop his industrial tri-

Package blown up in Barclays scare Two controlled explosions were carried out yesterday on a suspect package found outside a branch of Barclays. The package turned out later to be a bag of rubbish, but a bank spokesmon said: "You cannot take any chances."

The two detonations were carried out by explosives experts as fire and ambulance services were called to the scene. Roadsurrounding the bank in Webridge, Surrey, were closed as the area scaled off.

An extortionist calling himself Mardi Gra has posted or planted 25 devices to Barclays over the last 16 months. In an incident two weeks ago a device exploded outside a branch in Ealing, west London.

Runaway captured A convicted child molester who absconded from a secure hospital unit a week ago has been arrested at a seaside boarding house. Humberside police said Peter Dossena, 64, was arrested at Caernarfon, north Wales, after absconding while walking in the grounds of the hospital near Hull as part of his rehabilitation, Dossena, whn has spent 27 years in Broadmoor,

Paper apologises

was collected by hospital staff.

The Catholic Herald apologised for running an article accusing the late Archhishop of Livi pool of driving people away from the church, Harry Coen. the paper's assistant editor, said he had made an error of judgment in using the piece by the novelist Alice Thomas Ellis, which he admitted had caused distress. Ms Ellis claimed Archbisbop Derek Worlock, whn died of cancer in February, had caused a slump in Liverpool mass attendances.

Crisis on yacht

Dwindling supplies may force a British yachtswoman to aban-don her hid to become the first woman in circle the globe nonstop against prevailing winds. Samantha Brewster, 28, is nearing the Cape of Good Hope after an 11,000-mile haul through the Antarctic Ocean in temperatures as low as -20C. She is hattling technical and equipment problems caused by howling southern winds, which have torn ropes and sails.

Fire victim has baby A mother is fighting for her life after giving hirth to a daughter almost four days after being badly injured in a house blaze. Debbie Garbutt, 32, suffered 3) per cent hurns in the fire which killed her four-year-old daughter Jade on Monday, Doctors at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, delivered her unborn child by Caesarian section. The 3lbs 3oz Meanwhile the cull of cattle | premature baby is stable in the neo-natal intensive care unit at

> Leeds General Infirmary Divorce law delay

Ireland's Supreme Cuurt reserved judgment on a legal challenge to last year's referendum decision allowing a divorce law to he passed. Anti-divorce campaigner Des Hanafin appealed against a High Court ruling rejecting his claim that the narrow referendum vote for divorce was influenced by government promotional spending later declared anti-constitutional. The five judges will deliver their verdict later this month.

Hospital death fall

A 12-year-old girl has died after falling from a hospital escalator. Stacey Newey, of Greenwich, south-east London, was rushed to Greenwich District Hospital's casualty department with serious bead injuries, and died soon afterwards. A spokesman for Greenwich Healthcare Trust sag "Police, who aren't treating Stacey's death as suspicious, believe she was playing on the escalator but lost her grip and fell nff, falling several floors."

Seen and herd

Pictures of cows are being paint-ed on a road through grassland near Stroud, Gloucestershire, to warn drivers that cattle roam freely. They replace the traditional upright warning signs on poles, which the animals rubbed against and demolished.

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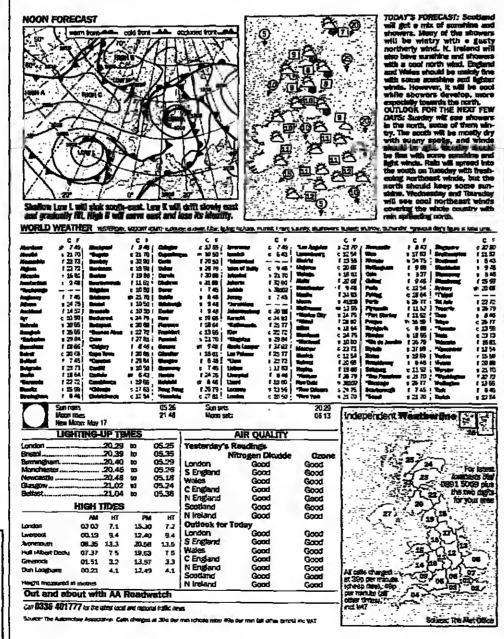
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Sacked jails chief gets £220,000

Sacked prisons chief Derek Lewis yesterday accepted a £220,000 pay-off from the Home Office after a lengthy le-

The former director-general of the Prison Service was fired from his £125,000-a-year job by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, in the wake of the damning Learmont report into the escape of dangerous immates from Parkburst jail. He is also understood to bave been paid costs of around £50,000.

The settlement falls short, however, of Mr Lewis's original claim for £300,000. A Home Office statement confirmed that legal wrangling over compensation dating back to last October had ended in agreement. "The Home Office

bunal claim for unfair dismissal as part of the deal. The payment is expected to be formally endorsed at a High Court hearing on Tuesday.

Major shrugs off poll rout

FROM PAGE 1 "This was not a general elec-tion," be said, "and we take nothing whatever for grant-

But Mr Major said; "People have, for as far back as you can go since the second World War, chosen by-elections and local council elections to protest against the government of the day," he told ITN. "There are millions and mil-

lions of people who will go out and vote Conservative at the

next General Election who chose not to do so yesterday." to be confident that the moment of maximum danger to his leadcrship had now passed-not least

because of the two per cent im-

Torics' still dismal vote share since last year. While the whole thrust of Mr Major's remarksindicated that

provement to 27 per cent in the

the essentials of his party's course between now and the election was in place, that was sharply questioned by his right wing critics. John Redwood will publish bis own alternative manifesto after urging the Gov-ernment to take heed of the concerns of Tory supporters

who Mr Major acknowledged bad "sat in their bands". A 30,000-word document, called Action Not Words, will give substance to the policies Mr Redwood is urging Mr Major to adopt, on the health service, taxation and Europe.

Zulu boy flies home after last plea fails

MICHAEL STREETER

A ten-year-old Zulu boy was heading for South Africa last night after a last attempt by his white foster mother to keep him in Britain was rejected by the Government and the Court of

Campaigners for the boy and the white woman had hoped the Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell would let him stay while appeals were made to the Eupean Commission on Human Rights in Strasbourg.

But in an unprecedented move the Attorney rejected a specific request from the President of the Commission, known as a Rule 36 indication. to suspeod the order for the boy

A spokesman for Sir Nicholas said it was the first time the Government bad turned down a Rule 36 indication, but this was because it was "unprecedented" for such a request to be made in proceed-

ings involving private parties.

The British Government is not a party to these proceedings. When it is a matter in which the Government is concerned, it is our invariable policy to comply," he said. However, the Com-mission's decision to intervene in the case showed their deep concern about possible in-

fringement of the boy's and the woman's "family" rights. The Government's decision, backed by the Court of Appeal, meant that the boy was reunit-ed with his natural mother at the offices of the Official Solicitor in ceotral London. He was due to leave oo a flight back to his native Transvaal last night or some time today.

Public relations consultant Max Clifford, who has worked without payment for the boy and his foster mother, said: "I saw them the other might and they are both heartbroken by what is happening. He is a very

CONTRACTOR

bright young lad.

"He had a farewell party and one of the girls from his school had a card with a picture of a judge with horns."

Mr Clifford added: "As far as

I know the fight will still go on to let him live here." The boy, who cannot be named while in this country, was brought to the UK by the white woman, a British citizeo with an Afrikaans background. She wanted him to be adopted

as a member of her family and to live with her in Maida Vale, Loodon, and be educated at a leading British school. His oatural mother, who worked as a housekeeper and oanny for the British woman, initially agreed to the adoption

but later changed her mind. Earlier court hearings were told that to get around apartheid laws, the white woman had takeo responsibility for the boy when he was an infant so that he could stay in her home, while his mother had her quarters elsewhere.

When the woman decided to come to Britain in 1992, the boy's parents signed a document which gave permission for him to go too. But when his natural mother was later questioned by social workers she said she wanted her son back and did not want him to be adopted.

Last week in a private hear-ing the Law Lords backed an earlier Court of Appeal order to send the boy back to South Africa and said that the boy, who has forgotten how to speak Zulu, would be better off with his natural parents. Last night spokesman Max Clifford said the foster mother was "absolutely devastated" by her parting with the ten-year-old.

"It was a very emotional birewell and she is naturally distraught," he said. "She is going to carry on the fight howevershe wants him back."



Riding high: Canoeist John-Paul Ealock, based at the Twy-y-Felin training centre, caught taking a wave while practising for the "Cuervo Bitches Rodeo", an international canoeing competition being held off the Pembrokeshire coast at Ramsey Sound this weekend

Photograph: Rob Stratton

Fayed buys Viva! radio for £3m

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

Mohammed Al Fayed bas bought the troubled women's radio station Viva Radio for £3m in a bid to expand his nascent media empire, it was announced yesterday.
...Vival 963 was Britain's first

radio station for women, launched last July by PR guru Lynne Franks, Debbie Owen. literary agent and wife of Lord Owen, and Labour Party fundraiser Barbara Follett.

It plunged into trouble after it failed to pull in its target 400,000 listeners and has strug-Polly Toyabee, page 15 | gled with money and reception

problems—across half its Lon-munications, to sell.
don area — which made it ef
However, Golden Rose, fectively unviable.

In January it was forced to make corbacks and has been op-erating since on a skeleton staff from its offices near Marble Arch, west London.

Its latest blow came in March when RAJAR's official listening figures showed it was the least popular in London, with less than a third of the following of stations like Spectrum, aimed at ethnic minorities.

In all it was pulling only 59,000 listeners for around 20 minutes a day, research which may have finally persuaded its owners, Golden Rose Com-

which also owns another troubled station, Jazz FM, most now gain shareholder approval for

Richard Wheatly, chief ex-ecutive of Goldeo Rose, said: We welcome Liberty's involvement in the Loodon radio market with their acquisition of Vival. The resources which Liberty will be able to apply to Vival I feel confident will, following an anticipated relaunch, result in success."

the deal.

tor of London's Evening Standard, oow the chairman of Liberty, described the purchase if their male partner did not like

NICHOLAS SCHOON

of Viva as "a small but significant building block in the company's plan to create a new and independent media company in Britain"

Under the terms of the licence Liberty is obliged to con-tinue to aim the station at women aged 24 to 44, and it says that Viva! will stay on air while relaunch plans are finalised. It will not be an easy task to

turn Viva! around after an almost blanket thumbs down to the new concept of radio for women. Even Viva's own initial Stewart Steven, former edi- research showed that womeo were surprisingly unliberated when it came to radio listening:

Heavy-footed edible

dormouse marches on

it they would turn it off.
Their research also showed that women would oot listeo to a station which smacked of feminism or was "anti-meo".

The bid by Mr Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, follows his recent acquisition of the defunct Punch magazine for £500,000. He adds Viva! to his media company, Liberty Publishing, af-ter having been foiled in his attempts to acquire Londoo News Radio. Today oewspaper -

which Rupert Murdoch chose

instead to close - the Daily Ex-

press and The Observer, for

which he offered the Guardian Media Group £20m.

Inspector of schools is accused of bias

FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent**

The Chief Inspector of Schools was forced to defend himself against accusations of political bias vesterday as local authorities released details of a report oo reading standards which they said had been given a oegative spin.

Inspectors who carried out the inquiry into reading in the Loodoo boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Islingtoo and Southwark had had the final draft of

their work changed. The charge was denied by the chief inspector, Chris Woodhead, who said the data in both

versions was consistent. "If it is political to write as clearly as we can about the fact that significant numbers of chil-

dreo from our most disadvantaged communities are not learning to read theo I would like somebody to explaio what the word 'political' means," he Reading scores collected during the inspection showed that

eight out of 10 pupils were be-low average, but in government tests only three out of 10 had failed to reach expected levels. The inspectors' results were in the report but the discrepancy was oot highlighted.

The boroughs, which were seot a copy of the report, said that a sentence which said read-ing was "well organised in three out of five classes" was altered to say that "weaknesses... affected the teaching of reading in two out of five classes.

Where reading had been classed as "satisfactory or better in approximately two thirds of the lessons" it was now "unsatisfactory or poor" in onc third.

A supportive paragraph which said teachers were overdoctrinaire had been removed.

Manager's face like a ball said Japanese boss

KATE WATSON-SMYTH

A manager demonstrated to an industrial tribunal yesterday how his Japanese boss kicked an imaginary ball into the air as he told him that his face resembled a football.

Cliff Wakeman, 42, is seeking compensation for unfair dismissal and racial discriminatioo from his former employers, the Tokyo-based Quick Corporation financial information company. He showed the tribunal how

Noriaki Nakajima, joint senior geoeral manager of the com-pany's Londoo branch, pulled at his cheeks, saying: "You have a strange skin colour."

Mr Wakeman, formerly a £52,000-a-year deputy general manager in charge of comput-er development, theo kicked

made as he told him: "Your face looks like a rock or a football." Mr Wakeman, from Whitstable, Keot, told the tribunal that Ouick's Japanese directors

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one foot into the air to demon-strate the gesture Mr Nakajima

in Britain were running a "conspiracy" to prevent the advancement of his career because he was English.

English manager to reign over a Japanese manager," he said. The directors liked to have Japanese staff in control *not so much for business operations,

but for their own comfort". Another senior employee with 20 years' experience told the tribunal he earned three times less than lower-ranking Japanese colleagues. Ashok Solanki, aged 44, from Edgware, London, an operations manager, said "the difference between British and Japanese salaries smacked of racial dis-

criminatioo". It was beyond belief that Quick could have been treating us with such atter contempt. I was a long-standing manager and was paid under half the net income of even lower ranking Japanese managers and nonmanagement Japanese staff." Mr Solanki, who was made

redundant after six years at

art Mitchell, aged 45, from Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, all claim racial discrimi-"It was never possible for an nation and unfair dismissal. Quick Corporation has admitted unfair discrimination but de-

nied racial discrimination. Mr Solanki fought back tears as he described how he worked 18-hour days and weekends because he was told that commitment and loyalty would advance his career.

"I was told that Quick looked after their staff and at my interview they said have you ever heard of a Japanese company making people redundant?". I expected to retire with them and although my previous job had paid more, I was excited by working for an international Japanese company with a long-term productive career and the prospect of oever be-

ing made redundant. But Mr Solanki said he was repeatedly passed over for promotion and a general management job was given to Japanese nationals with less experience.



Wakeman: Said he was victim of a conspiracy

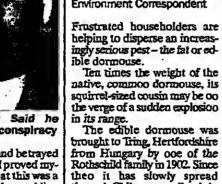
"I felt cheated and hetrayed because I felt I had proved myself It was clear that this was a master plan to evade providing general management positions to oon-Japanese staff he said. In July 1994, Mr Solanki re-

myself to tell my wife." iven to Mr Tekase whom, Mr Solanki later discovered, was earning three times more than him and had no experience.

The hearing cootinues.



ceived a letter saying he was surplus to requirements. My whole life was shattered and in tatters - I had worked so hard for that company and could oot bring His £39,500-a-year job was



from Hungary by one of the Rothschild family in 1902. Since theo it has slowly spread through Chiltern woodlands in Buckinghamshire and Hert-fordshire and a little beyond. Sometimes it moves into house lofts in large numbers. where it will gnaw on woodwork, cable coverings and plastic garden furniture. It makes a strange, mechanical, highpitched ooise in the mating season and sounds surprisingly heavy-footed for a small, tree

dwelling mammal. In woodlands and planta-tions it can strip the bark from young conifer trees, in much the



Protected: Edible dormouse is being moved illegally

same way the grey squirrel attacks broadleaved trees. "It causes considerable damage and it makes a hell of a ooise," said Mike Render, forestry officer at Buckinghamshire County Council.

It is illegal to kill the creature under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 because it is endangered in its native central Europe. But under the same act, h is also illegal to move it around the country because it is an introduced species. But a

survey organised by the Mammal Society, the coooty counaod several other organisations found evidence that people are moving the edible dormouse. The society chairman Pat Morris says the animals were being released in Berkshire, near Oxford and in the New Forest, in Hampshire "It is only a matter of time before the fat dormouse and its as sociated problems turn up in other parts of the country," he says in Mammal News.

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Bingham tops contenders for **Chief Justice**

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

Sir Thomas Bingham, the terday emerging as a potential successor to the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, whose illness with cancer is forcing him into early retirement.

As the head of the Court of Appeal's civil division since 1992, Sir Thomas, a relatively youthful 62 but with an already formidable reputation, was being tipped as one of the strongest candidates to become the most senior criminal judge in England & Wales.

The suggestion took some lawyers by surprise yesterday be-cause of Sir Thomas' long association with civil rather than criminal work, but this could be viewed as more than outweighed by his well-established authority and intellectual and

administrative ability.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, has already begun the process of consulting the High Court heads of division, of which Sir Thomas is one, senior Lord Justices of Appeal and some of the law lords over the succession to Lord Taylor, ar-guably the most popular Lord after he suggested that

Sir Thomas Bingham, 62, the Master of the Rolls.

Admired for intellectual rigour

and pure reason. Made a QC

at 39. Caused near apoplexy

at the Bar in 1991 by sug-

gesting solicitors should ap-

pear in higher courts. More

patrician than Lord Taylor.

and certainly the only one to have made an impression on the

radical left, who view Lord Taylor as less liberal than is widely suggested, were grappling with a genuine and deep sadness about his predicament.

Fears were also being expressed about what some viewed as the most politically sensitive judicial appointment for a decade. Against the backdrop of the battle raging be-tween senior judges and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, over his sentencing plans, it could be the ultimate test of the degree of trust and confidence that exists between John Major and Lord Mackay. whom he must consult before making the final recommenda-

tion to the Queen. The 59-year-old Court of Appeal judge, Lord Justice Rose, another widely-tipped candidate because of his hroad criminal experience and (like Lord Taylor) Northern Circuit background, has been as outspoken on the Howard plans as his chief, and was hranded

Sir Christopher Rose, 59,

Has the kind of background -

Morecambe Grammar School,

Leeds and Oxford Universities,

Northern Circuit - that stood

Lord Taylor in good stead. Condemned Howard plans for

sentencing repeat rapists.

Court of Appeal Judge.

ble successors to Lord Taylor

second-time rapists would lead more rapists to kill their victims.

ider public.

Other suggestionsyesterday
Even harristers on the Bar's included Lord Justices Auld, Simon Brown, Mustill and [Paul] Kennedy. But Sir Thomas Bingham could be the most inspired choice. He has not shrunk from giving limited support for Michael Howard's sentencing reforms. He also backed Attorney General Sir Nichnlas Lyell, not Sir Richard Scott,

> For the Bar's radical wing, the law lord Lord Woolf, author of the Strangeways riot inquiry report, would be the dream appointment. But his shares did not appear to be rising yesterday.

over public interest immunity.

Left-of-centre harristers spotlighted what they see as an unprecedented attempt by the Government to politicise law and order. Patrick O'Connor, a criminal QC, said: "It is very worrying that this dying Conservative government, which has been deeply politicising is sues of law and order and encountered very effective opposition from Lord Taylor, has the power to appoint a new Lord Chief Justice who will rule over us for the next 10 years.

Lord (Harry) Woolf, 63, a Law

While once a Treasury (Gov-

emment) counsel, would be a

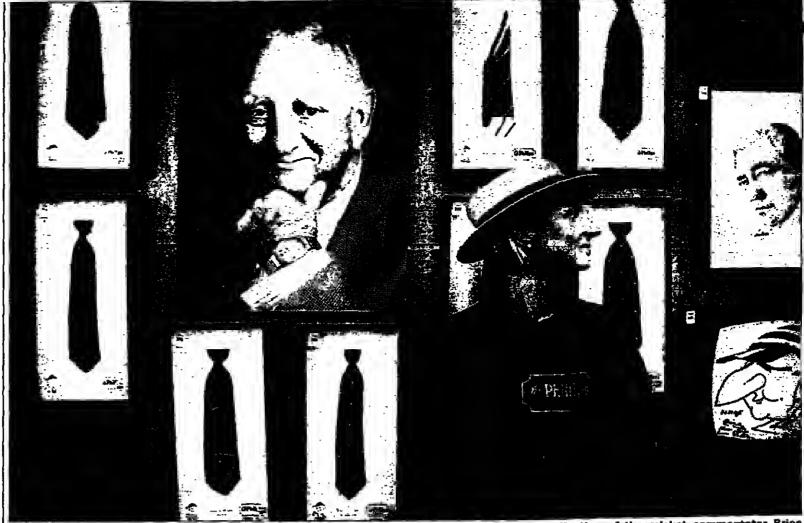
radical's choice. But most of

his recommendations after

the Strangeways riots have

been ignored. Still involved in

review of civil justice system.



Wicket malden: Sarah Harvey, of London auctioneer's Phillips, with prints and ties from the collection of the cricket commentator Brian Johnston, who died in 1994. The items, on show for a week, are part of a sale of cricket memorabilia next Saturday Photograph: Colin McKillop

Fan's early jail release 'undermines courts'

Prison chiefs were criticised by politicians, police and magis-trates last night for allowing Matthew Simmons, the soccer fan who was jailed for a week for attacking a lawyer in court, to walk free after serving less than 24 hours of his sentence.

Simmons, found guilty of provoking the infamous kungfu kick by footballer Eric Caniona at a match last year, left Highdown Prison, Sutton, Surrey, yesterday because governors said he could not be kept in over the weekend. With automatic remission, Simmons should have been freed tomorrow, but prison chiefs said this was brought forward because, by law, inmates cannot be discharged at the weekend. The ruling was attacked by the Mag-

istrates' Association, who said Simmons could have been kept in for a second night under recent Home Office guidelines.

The 21-year-old was jailed for contempt of court on Thursday for launching himself at prosecutor Jeffrey McCann after he was found guilty at Croy-don Magistrates' Court of using threatening words and behavfour to Cantona during a match between Manchester United and Crystal Palace at Selburst Park. Cantons made his attack in response to the taunts.

Simmons, of Thornton Heath, south Loudon, was fined £500 and banned from every football ground in Britain but as the guilty verdict was announced he leapt over a bench and appeared to kick Mr restored."

McCann in the chest.

Lady Olga Maitland, the Tory MP, will table Commons questions next week about the situation. "This man displayed gross misbehaviour in court and should serve his full sen-tence," she said. "This is sending out entirely the wrong message by undermining the courts. We must examine our release procedures."

Chief Supt Brian Mackenzie, president of the Police Superintendents Association, condemned the way the criminal justice system was developing. "It will be causing a lot of concern and the sooner we can ge sentencing straightened out and transparent, the sooner the public's confidence will be

'Loophole found' in speed camera law

Thousands of drivers could have speeding convictions over-camera was admissible. have speeding convictions overnumed after the discovery of a legal loophole in existing legis-

lation, the RAC said yesterday. In a recent case, police speed camera evidence against a speeding motorist was deemed inadmissible hecause pholographs were enlarged to make them more readable. Now the RAC believes thousands of other motorists convicted by cameras might he able to take

advantage of the loophole.

In the specific case at Uxbridge Magistrates Court in accused of exceeding a 60mph

limit on the M25 in Surrey. His solicitor successfully argued that some of the camera picture was enhanced to make

This type of enhancement is commonly used by police camera units throughout the country in an attempt to identify vehicles," said RAC head of campaigns Edmund King.

He went on: "Motorists concerned about their speeding prosecutions, where photographic enhancements were a factor, should in the case of fixed penalties contact the po-lice force involved and, in court cases, contact the court involved to guestion the validity of their conviction."

The RAC said the confusion

needed to cleared up because speeding was the biggest single cause of death and serious injury in road accidents, and it constantly campaigned for conthe number plates more readsistent enforcement of the law. able and that only evidence

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she said. "When I realised that toss breached the 1976 Euro- have to amend legislation.

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Inspectors to crack down on 'weak' schools

FRAN ABRAMS

Education Correspondent One school in 10 will be labelled as "weak" uoder plaos for changes to the inspection system published yesterday. Al-though healthy schools may

only receive a visit once every

six years, others will be seeo by

inspectors every term intil they show an improvement.
In addition to the 2 per cent of schools labelled "failing" under the current system, inspectors will be asked to identify those with serious weakoesses so that they can he targeted for action. These are expected to make up another per cent of the country's

24,000 schools. In future the inspectors will concentrate on the quality of English, maths and science in primary schools and oo those subjects plus another four, yet to be finalised, in secondary

The aim of the changes is to bring more flexibility to the inspection process, which currently works oo a four-year cycle, and to take pressure off the inspection body, Ofsted, which is struggling to keep up with the cycle of primary inspections, due to be completed

Yesterday the Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead,

the plans, which would come into effect for secondary schools next year and for primary schools the following year.

Schools which fail inspections are already subjected to special measures which include frequent visits by inspectors and the preparation of an action plan which must be approved by the Secretary of State for Education. If a school continues to fail, an education association can be sent in to take over and either improve standards or close the school.

In future, a larger oumber of schools with weaknesses will be subject to extra scrutiny. These weaknesses could include: low standards of teaching in four or more subjects or in more than a quarter of lessons; poor pupil behaviour, ineffective management, poor value for money, low attendance; or a high number of exclusions.

Schools which are not subected to extra visits after their initial inspection may receive them later if their exam and test results or attendance levels fall, if exclusions rise or even if the head teacher changes.

Ofsted has yet to decide how to choose the four subjects which will be inspected in secoodary schools in addition to maths. English and science. though one option is to allow schools to have a say in the

ably vary from one school to another, and could be based on exam results or earlier inspec-

Commenting on the plans to name more weak schools, Mr Woodhead said the aim was to help rather than to vilify. "Whatever the impact on the staff or the community, we must find out what is going on,"

Labour's educatioo spokesman, David Blunkett, coodemned the changes, "This is a major admission of failure by ministers and Ofsted," he said. The fact is that Ofsted missed its target for primary schools by a quarter in 1994-95 and has not recovered since. That is the main reason for this change."



Sitting on History I' which was bought for Sculpture at Goodwood, their rolling disp of contemporary works set in 20 acres in West Sussex, with £15,000 awarded to them by the 1996 National Arts Collections Fund Photograph Jane Bake

'Failed' teaching college faces uncertain future

FRAN ABRAMS

Lancaster University is considering the future of its teachertraining college after it became the first to fail an inspection of its primary school courses.

Ofsted, the national inspection body, found that some students at Charlotte Masoo College in Cumbria lacked the. levels of literacy and numeracy needed to teach maths and English. In particular they were weak in spelling, grammar and phonics, all of which are now considered central to the teach-

ing of reading. The college, which is part of the university but which is based in Ambleside, could be merged with the University College of Saint Martio in Lancaster, whose courses are accredited by the university.

The report is bound to have come as a significant hlow to the university. The only other teacher-training course to fail was the secondary provision at the South Bank University in London, a former polytechnic. That course was closed shortly afterwards.

The Ofsted inspectors found courses at Charlotte Mason deficient in every area they re-viewed. While a few students had a good grasp of the English oational curriculum, too many had "limited and superficial" knowledge. In maths, some students were unable to teach effectively because of gaps in their own knowledge.

A significant number of students were unable to plan a

Almost half of under-30s have

dabbled with drugs with young

whites overtaking Afro-Carib-

beans of the same age as the

biggest drug users, a report

found that while many 16 to 29-

year-olds have taken drugs at

some point, most claim they

have taken them merely on a

one-off basis or only occasion-

ally. One in four have taken

drugs in the past 12 months

while one in seven admit to

Cannabis is the most commonly used drug - and is twice

as bobriar among younger beo-

ple than other drugs.

The 1994 study, based on interviews with 10,000 people aged 16-59, gives a fascinating insight into drug use in Britain.

Not surprisingly drug use declines with age, itemagers aged between 16 and 19 were most likely to be users with ince-

most likely to be users, with one

in five claiming to liave taken drugs in the past month against

46 per ceot ever.

The British Crime Survey

evealed vesterday.

being regular users.

Half of under-30s

'have tried drugs'

sequence of lessons properly, the inspectors said, and in some cases the work set was poorly matched to the ability and interests of their pupils. The quality of childreo's learning was poor as a result.

A team of five inspectors visited the college for four days in June last year, with a repeat visit in November. They observed teaching practice and training sessions at the university for the 830 students, 780 of whom were oo a four-year undergraduate course and the rest on a oneyear postgraduate scheme. Yesterday the university ad-

mitted that it needed either to make a substantial investment in the college or to merge it, and said that a decision would be made at the end of May. However, the majority of students had been found to be able to teach effectively and some changes had already been put in place to address the shortcomings of the courses, it said.

John Halstead, principal of the college, said the conclusions had been based oo the weaknesses of a minority of students. Other aspects of work in the department had previously received good reports, he added, expressing disappointment that: Ofsted had chosen to hase its findings on a small proportion

"We have had massive support from ... the schools which employ our output. Getting oo towards 100 schools have writteo in to say that their experience doesn't fit with that of the Ofsted inspectors," he said.

A breakdown of under 30s

who took stimulants at some

point found 14 per cent had

tried amphetamines or speed,

13 per cent poppers, 10 per cent

magic mushrooms, 9 per cent

Just 3 per cent of under 30s

had tried cocaine and less than

I per cent had ever experi-

mented with harder drugs like

People living in London, oth-

heroin, crack or methadone.

er inner-cities or areas with large

numbers of young people were more likely to have had contact

Other strong indicators in-

cluded people who were heavy

drinkers, single, were away from

home a lot, out of work, or lived in a poorer household, the sur-

Afro-Caribbeans were more likely to use cannabis and crack than whites, who favoured

The findings will be used as

background information by

drug action teams as part of the Government's drugs strategy.

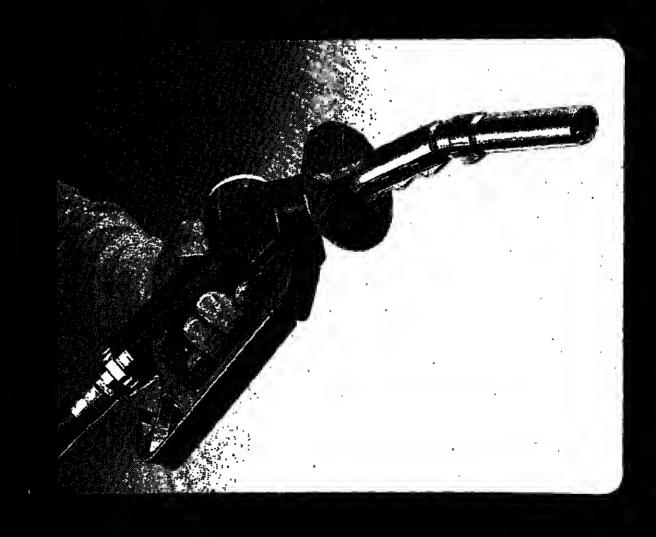
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Swing augurs a 138-seat Labour majority

The implications of Thursday's vote for the next general election are deeply gloomy for the Conservatives, with only the faintest of silver linings.

Tony Blair, the Labour

leader, admitted at yesterday's victory news conference: "I'm useless at statistics." But he was right to insist that the important comparison is between this week's local elections and those in May 1991, 11 mooths before the last general election.

Although the elections in 1991 were in a differeot set of local councils, the BBC's number crunchers estimate how they translate into parties' shares of the national vote. In 1991, Labour were just 1 percentage point ahead of the Tories. On Thursday, Labour were 16 points ahead,

A simple projection forlationship between local and Analysis

Blair is heading for a 7.5-point lead at the general election, which must be held within the next 12 mooths. That, as the BBC's Peter Snow might say. would meao a Lahour majority of 138 seats - nearly as large as Margaret Thatcher's 144-seat majority in 1983. Little wonder the bookmak-

ers yeslerday shortened the odds on a Labour victory. But, of course, there are - as Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, also rightly insisted yesterday - reasons for thinking that Mr Blair will not

have such an easy ride to Down-

ing Street. The first, and perhaps most important, was the low lurnout. suggesting that voters are col yet so enthused by new Labour that national voting, suggests that Mr they feel they actually have to

take a delour on the way to work to sign up for it. Turnoul figures for local elections are notoriously difficult to compare year on year, but the Government. BBC computer processing the

early results on Thursday night showed many turnout figures dropping by about two percentage points. This means turnout was, on average, sinking down towards 30 per cent, compared with 46 per cent in 1991 (and 78 per

cent in the last general election). Against this background, Mr Blair's claim that the local elec-tions showed "people are demonstrating a far greater enthusiasm for today's Labour Party" rings a little bollow.

The other main reason for scepticism about Labour's performance is that local elections, like by-elections and opinion polls, have increasingly been used to express a protest against the Government - a

coming increasingly disconnected from people's real views when it comes to choosing a

On the other hand, there are grounds for suggestiog that Thursday's results might even have understated Lahour's strength. Labour has for years underperformed its oational opinion poll ratings in local elec-tions, while the Liberal Democrats have overperformed, and the Tories follow their poll ratings quite closely.

It is likely that, as at the last general election, many people who have become used to voting Liberal Democrat for councilelections - either as a tactical vote against the Tories or as a protest against a local Labour council - will switch to Labour for parliamentary elections. But the triumph for the Lib-

protest that is probably be- onto the centre ground. They Lamont's departure from took control of six more councils and pushed the Conservatives further into third place.

Even more eocouragingly for them, on the BBC's estimale, their share of the vote was up - and if some of their targets such as Mole Valley and Stratford-upon-Avon failed to fall. they took Hastings in a fierce fight with Labour.
They failed to advance in

Oldham, where Labour took five seats from the Conservatives to gain overall control, and along with the Conservatives lost seats in Rochdale as Labour took the council decisively from no overall control - a change that could threaten the Liberal Democrat MP, Liz Lynne.

The party's results aggregated across other constituencies, however, showed them taking over 50 per cent of the vote in the new Oldham East and Saderal Democrats was that they resisted the surge of new Labour

Kingston to the apparently safer haven of Harrogate and Knaresborough will prove a nasty shock if the general elec-tion result mirrors the council vote. The Liberal Democrats took 49.5 per cent, against just over 32 per cent for the Tories.

The party's results in the in-ner cities were mixed – despite Paddy Ashdown's claim that where the Conservatives need to be beaten we are proving we can beat them, and where Labour governs badly we can heat them too." The Liberal Democrats took six seats in Sheffield, three each off Labour and the Conservatives, and heahead of the Conservatives in Birmiogham as the Tories lost fifteen seats, 12 to Labour and

John Rentoul and Nicholas Timmins

3 to the Liberal Democrats.

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From no change in Barnsley to a Labour win in Wyre Forest, the results in full

Metropolitan councils

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Councils changing hands - all from no overall control

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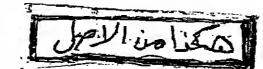
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NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Bournemouth, Poole, Brighton and Hove, three South coast towns which the Conservatives promoted as their best hope for signs of a Tory revival, failed to deliver on Thursday.
With the elections for new

shadow unitary authorities the seats were being contested on last year's results - the Conservatives worst ever in local government - rather than the high of 1992 on which most of

Thursday's poll was fought.

But in Bournemouth, rather than advancing to take control again of a town that had been true blue for a century up to the Conservatives slipped hack, taking a net loss of two.

In Poole, they merely stood still, sticking on 13 seats as the Liberal Democrats gained five three new seats plus one gain from Labour and one from an independent.

In Brighton and Hove. Geoffrey Theobald, the likely Conservative group leader, claimed a 2 per cent swing back to the Conservatives yesterday. But they still lost seven seats to Labour's nine gains, Steve Bassam, Labour's leader in Brighton, retorting that "54 seats out of 78" - Labour's position on the new authority - "is a landslide in anybody's terms".

In Bournemouth, Juney Griffiths, a defeated Conservative couocillor, blamed the Government. "The things that lost us this were national policies, not local ones," she said. "There is general dissatisfaction with the way the Government is handling oh so many things."

Low interest rates were hitting the income of Bournemouth's army of pensioners, she said, while many were worried about long-term care. If the economy was improving, "peo- Jacqui Lait over the Liberal De- party chairman, Brian Mawhin- seats, end of an era? Mr Lan- pared for the village cricket sea- 76 per ceot. If this is melt plantic us have not felt it yet". mocrats in Hastings and Rye. ney, is still struggling to see the gley will have none of it. With- son and even if Tories all over down, then gee whizz, who is

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Bob Chapman, the Tory group leader, also blamed "gen-eral dissatisfaction" with the Government. "We worked very hard. We couldn't have done much more to pull the vote out, but it didn't want to come."

The town held its own disappointment for the Liberal Democrats who failed by onc seat to turn their minority control into full control. A revived Labour vote produced a Con-servative gain in one ward at the Liberal Democrat's expense.

In neighbouring Poole, however, talked up by Labour as much as by the Tories as a likely site for gains, there was no such Blair effect. Their four seats fell to three as the Liberal Democrats strengthened their control. "We expected to do much better," Tony Gardner, the Labour group leader who lost his own seat, admitted.

Ominously for the Tories he said tactical voting played a part. The Liberal Democrats said very clearly that only they could keep the Tories out and that had some effect, there's no doubt about that."

The result leaves the Liberal Democrats poised to take the new parliamentary seat of Mid Dorset and North Devon, to be contested by Alan Leaman, the party's director of strategy. In the relevant wards the Liberal Democrats took 52 per cent of the vote, he said, yesterday.

Purther along the coast,. Conservative Central Office's hopes of a revival faired no better. Labour held Portsmouth and in Hastings the Tories suffered a wipe-out losing their last five seats as the Liberal Democrats took control. Tactical voting in the general election would threaten the 6,634 majority of the Conservative MP

Malcolm Buckley yesterday con-templated a solitary existence in Basildon council chamber with the sort of determined optimism which Conservative activists have to adopt in these desperate times.

"I suppose I will feel a bit lonely," said Mr Buckley. "But there are a great number of for-mer councillors and party work-ers who will be working with me to achieve some of our Conservative ideals and put our case forward."

On Thursday Mr Buckley was the only Conservative coun-

Stumped

by mayor

in cricket

heartland

When the Magna Carta, the great charter of liberties, was signed in Runnymede in 1215,

there was so much worry over

"the abuses of local govern-

ment" that a special clause was demanded by the barons. Yes-

terday, 781 years on in Run-

nymede, they were still worrying

about local government. True-blue Surrey, redolent of

gins and tonics, fine golf clubs,

pop stars' palaces, and the

cricket and warm beer of village

greens so heloved by the Prime Minister, had almost lowered

now ensure the party's control.

In two key wards of the 13 con-

tested on Thursday, Labour

lost by a total of only 24 votes.

"It was sickening for us really," said Rodney Pate, leader of the

Labour group in Runnymede.

Labour Party don't normally choose council candidates, they

send out a search party. The

If the Conservative's national

elected on 14 May.

In this part of world the

the Tory flag of control. Only the casting vote of the Tory mayor of Runnymede will

JAMES CUSICK

cillor to survive in Basildon when he fought off the Liberal Democrat challenge in his Wickford South ward by 99 votes. Thirteen of his party colleagues were defeated and Labour took control of the

The landslide qualified him for endangered species status in the Essex town which was the symbol of John Major's General Election victory in 1992. The Tory victory there provided the first clear signal that Labour had lost for the fourth time running.
It demonstrated that Essex

Baroness Thatcher, was still backing the Government. But Mr Major can no longer rely on this crucial sector of the elec-

Mr Buckley, 45, an estate agent, tried to sound upbeat yesterday when he pointed out that last year Basildon Conservatives lost every ward, including his own which went to the Liberal Democrats by four votes. But he admitted that voters had told him that all the political parties, including the Conservatives, lacked any kind of broad vision.

squabbling, tell voters that there is more that unites them under the Tory banner than divides them and hammer home the message that Britain is doing better economically than other

European countries. In terms of public relations the Conservative Party as an ofganisation has an appalling record," he said. "The Labour Party has rung rings around us for a couple of years and I certainly think that Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, has got

Like many grass roots Con- Prescott and Robin Cook verpublicly over European policy. We should concentrate on areas of European policy where there is agreement and on the positive aspects, resolve our

sent a publicly united front," "The other thing we have to do is to bring to the electorate's attention just how how unreliable the opposition are. If Labour came to power I don't think that we will see the Tony Blair version of the Labour

differences in private and pre-

Conservatives in Basildon still regard Lady Thatcher as the leader they should never have lost but have reluctantly accepted Mr Major as her successor. They believe that he now has to demonstrate her political gut instincts when faced with a

"I don't think we have any choice about John Major leading us into the next general election," Mr Buckley said.

"I expect him to get back on his soap box and deliver the goods by sticking to good, basic Conservative beliefs."



Tory stronghold still: Englefield Green, where villagers are preparing for cricket and warm beer this summer as usual

Photograph: Philip Meech

Tories' loss of two wards, with day, he could do no better than Labour gaining two, means the telephone Howard Langley. new council is now made up of Runnymede's council leader. 21 Tories, 14 Labour, six inde-Mr Langley spent most of yes-terday with his calculator. The pendents and one Liberal Deresult of his digital arithmetic was, he insisted, good news. Loss of control, loss of two mocrat. A new mayor will be

light at the end of a tunnel to- out mentioning losses he said: "Two years ago we won five seats, last year we won seven seats, this year we woo nine seats. Anyone who is writing off the Conservatives is a fool.

There will be warm beer and cricket at Englefield Green where the grass is being pre-

the country are drowning in tears, Mr Langley is set to break out the champagne. "The Conservatives in Runnymede did brilliantly," he said in his best Dunkirk voice. "Our overall vote went up by 3,000 to 11,000; our overall perceotage of the vote went up from 74 to

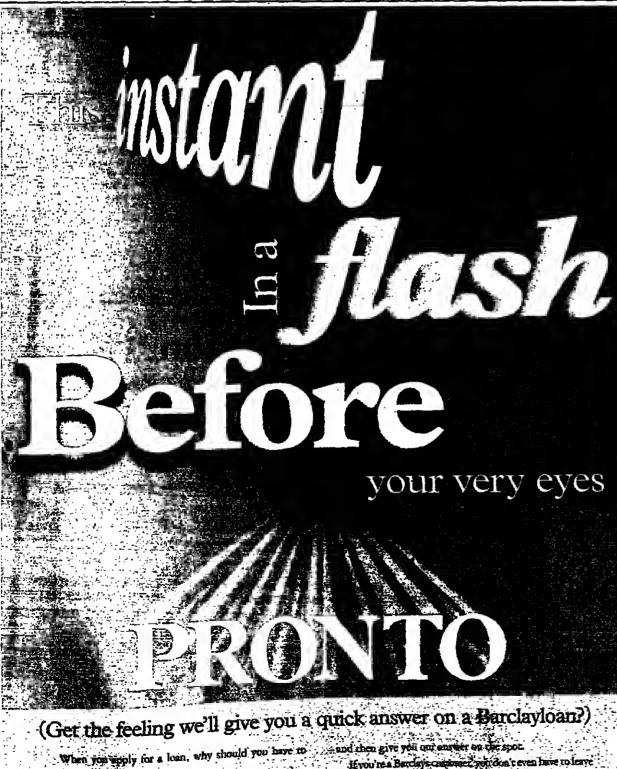
kidding who?" And there was a message for Mr Mawhinney, Mr Langley insisted the Tories' campaign was positive. "We fought on what the reasons were to vote for us."

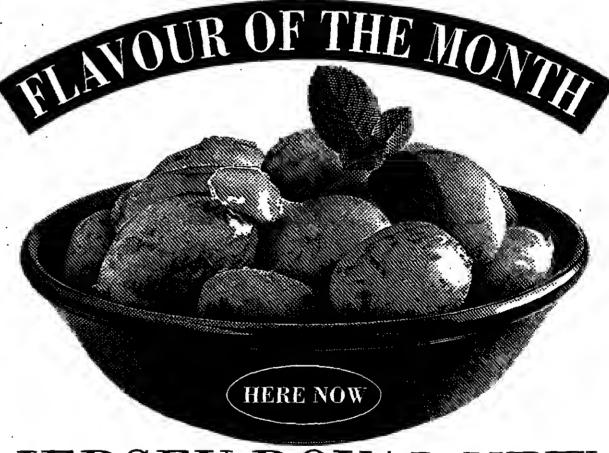
Labour, as almost-but-notquite losers sometimes do, blamed anything. Mr Pate said Labour had 100 few troops on

Tories fought a "dirty" leaflet-

ing campaign.

And in Virginia Water the Labour vote actually topled from around 30 votes to just over 100. 'Is that all we got?" asked Mr Pate. "We were hoping for more, but I suppose when the constituency is divided into the wealthy and the very wealthy, you can't call that a





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Jail for killer who called 1471 to trace victim

An unemptoyed man who stabbed his love rival to death with an eight-inch carving knife after finding out his iden-tity by dialling British Tele-com's 1471 call-back service was yesterday cleared of mur-

der by a jury. But Colio Critchlow, 23. of Wednesfield. West Midlands, was jailed for five-and-a-half years for the manslaughter of 18-year-old soldier Andrew Green, of Willenhall, West Mid-

The jury at Northampton Crown Court was told that Critchlow, who had denied murder, stabbed Mr Green in the back four times then kicked him in the head with steelcupped safety boots as he lay dy-

The jury found Critchlow guilty of manslaughter on the grounds that he was provoked into the attack by his live-in girlfriend Joanne Rudge, 19. also of Wednesticld.

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flaunted her affections for Mr Greco in front of him. richtow was also sentenced

10 mg ... s jail, to be served consecutively, after admitting stealing nearly £14.000 from the safe of an hotel in Wolverhamptoo where he previously worked as

He asked the court to pass on his regret and sorrow what he had done to the Green family. Outside court after the hearing members of Mr Green's

family were in tears, and described the verdict as a disgrace. "He has got away with mur-der. It is a disgrace." said Mr Green's grandmother, Elizaboth Greeo. Mr Green's pareots and oth-

er members of his family were often in tears as they sat through the five-day trial. The jury had been told bow Critchlow became suspicious that Ms Rudge, with whom he has a one-year-old daughter,

was seeing someone else.

He dialled 1471 after finding a number he did not recognise on their telephooe - and got the oumber of Mr Green's parents

He theo chased Mr Greco in a car after spotting him kissing and holding hands with Ms Rudge in Wednesfield last Au-

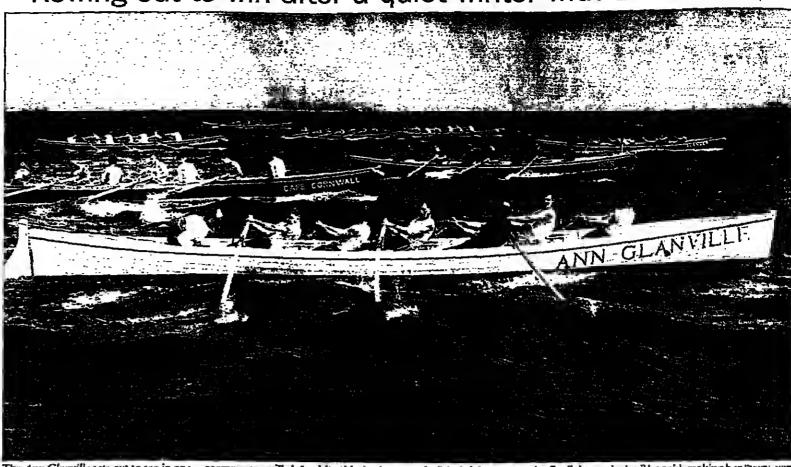
Mr Green stumbled and fell over as he tried to get away. Critchlow leapt out of the car and stabbed him four times in the back as he lay face down on the floor. He theo kicked Mr Greco in

the head, shouting. "Get up and fight you bastard." Critchlow claimed in his ev ideoce that he had oot intended to kill Mr Green and said he

had no memory of stabbing him

with the knife. Mr Greeo, a private in the Royal Artillery, had only returned home on leave the night hefore his death.

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The club, who have annoyed fans with frequent changes of kit and been criticised for selling their own hrand whisky, now face protests stemming from the £28 million redevelopment of their Old Trafford ground.

Last season, 1,500 season ticket holders were femporarily moved while the north stand ras rebuilt. But United have told the supporters that they will not be able to return to their old seats because the area has been set aside for executive members and corporate entertainment.

Two disgruntled regulars. Eric and Mary Brownhill, have to believe up until last week that supported the club for the last 50 years and never miss a home match. Since 1966, they have enjoyed "the best seats in the ground" - in the centre of the North Stand. Now, they may cancel their season tickets.

Mrs Brownhill, aged 75, from Stretford, said: "We have been totally loyal for 50 years and now they have taken our seats away so that they can give them to people with more money. There is an enormous feeling of betrayal among fans. We never deserted them, even when they were in the second division. This is how they treat us.

United season tickets are current level of success." highly prized and supporters

their loyalty to the club before they can buy one. The Brownhills spend £308 out of their pension every year, but the new cost in the executive stand is £1,200.

"We have been told that we can keep our temporary seats which are right up in a corner where we can't see the goal," said Mrs Brownhill, "We can return to north stand, but only on one of the new tiers which are very high up. We cannut manage that many sleps.

"We may just call it a day and cancel nur tickets altogether. It will be such a shame, but there is no point spending money fur seats that are no good."

Susan Halpern, who has sat behind the Brownhills with her husband Jeffrey for 28 years, accused the club of not telling supporters of its plans until the last minute. "We were led we would have our old seats back and now we will have to take grossly inferior seats because it is too late to do anything about it. The fans have been

treated disgracefully." Ken Ramsden, United's as sistant secretary, said it had been decided that an executive area was the best way of recouping the huge ground costs. "We've apologised, but it was very expensive to rebuild the stand and we had to generate the money from somewhere. he said. "We are a commercial organisation and need to generate an income to continue our

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Oyston 'victim' dabbled in drugs

ton in a three-in-a-bed sex session told a court yesterday that she had dahbled in drugs since the age of 13.

The woman, now aged 20, claims that when she was 16 she was driven to 62-year-old Mr Oyston's country mansion. where she watched him have sex with another girl before being ordered to take her elothes off and join them. Cross-examined by Anthony

Scrivener QC, defeoding, at Liverpool Crown Court, the woman admitted she had smoked cannabis and taken ecstasy and amphetamines occasionally since she was 13. She said she smoked canoabis as recently as last

year. "I was smoking cannabis to forget," she said. "It made me forget things. I didn't want to face up to things. But she told Mr Scrivener: "It dnesn't give him the right to do what he did though, does it?"

Mr Scriveoer replied: "Not ot all, not at all." The woman also claims Mr Oyston, chairman of Blackpool football club, forced her to perform oral sex in the back of a car. Mr Oyston, of Claughton Hall, near Lancaster, pleads not guilty to raping and indecently assaulting the woman, and de-

nies raping another woman. The first woman in the case,

A woman who claims she was raped by millionaire Owen Oyshas told the jury she was driven to Mir Oyston's house late at night and raped on the fourposter bed. Asked by Mr Scrivener

> Oystrin allegedly forced her to have oral sex, the woman asked: What could I do?" Mr Scrivener said: "You could have said no."

whether she protested when Mr

"I put my head up and he pulled it back down," the woman said. She refuted Mr Scrivener's

suggestion that the locident never took place. Mr Scrivener suid she could have asked Lisa French, who was sitting in the front seat of the car, for help. The woman said: "Lisa ... she

was going out with him. She denied she had been in terested in looking around Mr

Ovston's house. Mr Scrivener suggested that she was, and that she went upstairs to look at the bedroom. Lisa French had gone to the bathroom and when she came out they had all left.

The woman said: "You can suggest what you like but I am not lying. I know what happened."
She could not remember if

she saw a doctor after the

incident. Asked why she had not complained to anyone, she said: "1

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Detectives link Tasmania killer to more murders

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Hobart - Police said yesterday that they will re-investigate two unsolved murders and a disappearance in Tasmania to see if they are connected with the man accused of a massacre last

Martin Bryant, 28, is accused of shooting 35 sightseers and staff at the Port Arthur colonial prison complex last Sunday with high-powered assault weapons. He then barricaded himself inside a guest cottage with three hostages and set it alight. He is now in Royal Hobart Hospital under heavy police guard with extensive burns to his back.

Assistant Police Commissioner Luppo Prins said yes-terday that officials will determine if Bryant was linked to the murders of a tourist and a acal man, and the disaprance of a German tourist.

Italian tourist Victoria Cafasso, 20, was stabbed to death on a beach at Beaumaris on Tasmania's east coast late last year; Leo Rogers was stabbed more than 60 times in his home in Ho-since Bryant was brought there. hart last year; and Nancy Most callers are angry that

Grundwaldt, 26, disappeared near Beaumaris in 1993.

Bryant is receiving medical care under the same roof as some of

Meanwhile, the first victim of this week's Port Arthur massacre was laid to rest. More than 600 mourners paid their respects to Royce Thompson, 59, a bus driver who died in the acre at the historic ruins of Australia's most notorious colo-

after staff absenteeism in-

police." Pyne said yesterday.

nial-era prison. Mr Thompson was mowed down by his bus. He had driven a group tourists on a regular day trip to Port Arthur. "He was a special fellow, one of nature's gentlemen, his boss, Bob Chung Gon, said before the fu-neral at St Clement's church at Kingston, near Hobart.

Yesterday's burial will be followed by many more as bodies, most of them of visitors from other states, are returned to rel-atives over the next few days following post mortem examinations. Of the 18 people wounded in the massacre, 10 are still in hospital, one in a serious condition. Most are expected to

be released next week. Lindsay Pyne, the hospital's chief executive, said more than 40 threats had been received



Still calling: Rosie Gries, 100 years old, celebrating with her great grand-daughter, Kristine

Avon lady rings up a century

Bismarck, North Dakota (AP) - Rosic Gries made her first Avon sale in 1938 - a 10-cent (6p) tube of hand cream. Now, at the age of 100, she is still ring-ing doorbells as the cosmetic company's oldest salesperson.

"I feel like I did when I was 16," Ms Gries said on her birth-day on Thursday. "I don't feel my age. I can't believe it."

Some things have changed in the 58 years she has been selling for Avon - she hires a driver for her twice-monthly rounds, and she does not see or hear as well as she used to.

Nonetheless, Ms Gries has vowed to sell Avon for "as long as I can walk". She has about 25 customers in the sparsely populated area of North Dakota where she lives.

Ms Gries has gained fame for her long service - even making a television appearance on The Tonight Show in 1986.

Avon paid tribute to its oldest salesperson by throwing a party for Ms Gries. Tomorrow starts a new day and then I have to start over again," she said.

Chinese dissident flees to America

Associated Press

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Peking - A leader of China's 1989 democracy movement has fled to the United States because police harassment made it impossible for him to find a job or a place to live.

Liu Gang left China with the help of international human rights groups and arrived in the



Liu Gang: Police prevented him from getting a job

US penniless but with political asylum. the New York-based group Human Rights in China reported yesterday.

In Washington, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said Mr Liu entered the US under a Justice Department waiver that allows admittance for emergency or national interest

Mr Lin served a six-year prison sentence for participation in the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protest, earning the nickname "Iron Man" for his refusal to bend to prison rules.

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Robin Munro of Human Rights Watch Asia called Mr Liu "a very brave man and indomitable fighter for democracy" who was "badly tortured and beaten and ill-treated" in

China has almost no dissident community left, Mr Munro

Released in June, Mr Liu re-turned to his family's home in Liaoyuan, in north-eastern Jilin province, where police kept a tight watch on him.
They surrounded his house

followed him and made it impossible for him to get a job. Mr Lin earlier said that poor crashed into taxis he was in, and searched, detained and robbed

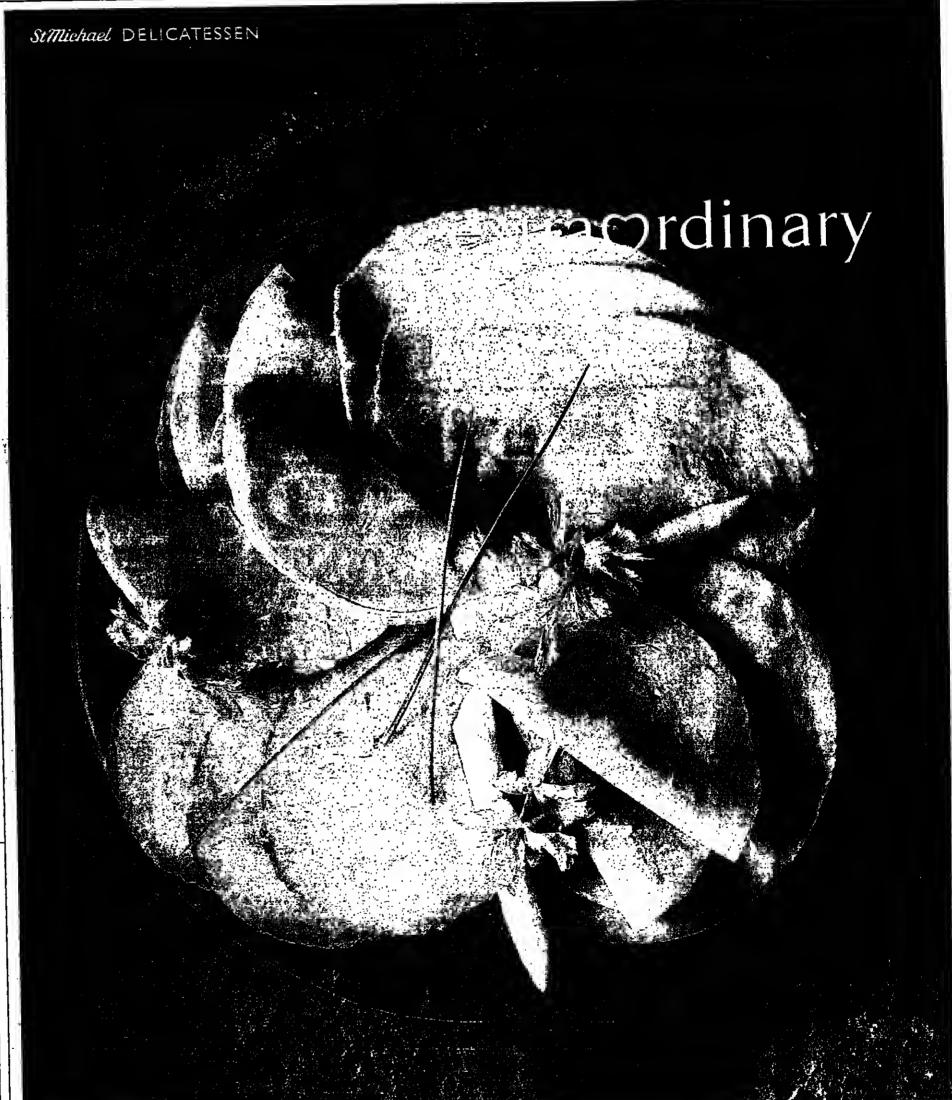
"The police in Liaoyuan treated me very badly. I couldn't bear them," Mr Liu said. They also ordered him to report his thoughts to them once a week, not to leave his home town and not to talk to foreign reporters.

Mr Liu refused.
Mr Liu left his family home after his stepmother suffered mental disturbances because of the stress of police harassment.

He went to Peking last month to file an appeal asking to be left alone. Mr Liu said police threatened to arrest him again unless he returned to his home town.

The Human Rights in China report said police would cause so much trouble for anyone Mr Liu stayed with that he would forced to leave.

It also said authorities refused to assign him a job or give him a licence for a small business like a street stall, and warned employers not to hire him.

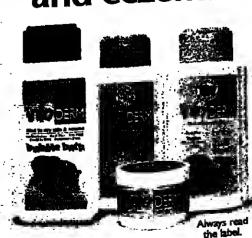


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Algeria tops list of journalists' deaths Paris — Some 51 journalists were killed and more than 100 jailed around the world last year, compared with 103 in 1994, the Paris-based Reporters Without Borders said. The organisation reported that some countries including Romania and Egypt allow their criminal justice sys-tems to curtail press freedom. Algeria led the list of journalists killed on the job, with 22 assassinated last year.

Nastase may sue

Bucharest - Romanian former tennis star Ilie Nastase, who is running for mayor of Bucharest, threatened to sue over news-paper claims he had served the communist-era Securitate spy

Sex toy arrests

Peking - Police arrested six people after complaints that obscene toys had been packaged in snack foods for children. The Guangdong Wanda food factory allegedly packaged plastic models of a man and woman having sexual intercourse. AP

Military build-up

Canberra — Australia's military is to boost its combat capability, including beefing up offshore fighting forces, to keep pace with Asian powers locked in an arms-huying spree. Reuter

Harassment claim

New York - A woman who worked for George C Scott has accused the actor of sexual harassment. Julie Wright claims Scott made demeaning sexual comments, tried to kiss and foudle her and asked her to have

China quake kills 8 Peking - At least eight people were killed and nearly 100 injured when an earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale jolted China's Inner Mongolia region. Reuter

Death penalty stays Strasbourg - The Russian Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, ruled out any early abolition of the death penalty, despite pressure from the

Council of Europe which Rus-

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Peace steps: A women pushes her belongings into the Bosnian-Serb held Grbavica district of Sarajevo, where many Muslims are returning home Photograph: Oleg Popov

Summit fails to ban anti-personnel mines

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

Humanitarian agencies yesterday described the United Nations Inhumane Weapons Convention conference, which ended without a total ban on anti-personnel landmines, a dismal failure".

Diplomatic sources stressed the achievements of the two-week conference, but the British working group on landmines, which includes Oxfam, Save the Children, Unicef and Chris-tian Aid, said its decisions were riddled with loopholes, delays and lack of enforcement. In ssence this is a mine layers' charter".

The conference, held in Geneva, agreed to ban laser weapons designed to blind people but failed to agree a blanker ban on the anti-personnel mines which kill or main an estimated 20,000 people a year - mostly civilians after the wars in which they

were laid have ended. Nations do not have to comply with the convention until nine years after it comes into force, meaning that "dumh" anti-personnel mines - which do not self-destruct dafter a certain period of time - can be laid, legally for the next decade. After that, it will be illegal to

lay "dumb" mines. But although the convention is legally binding, there are no provisions for rerifying compliance.
The revised protocol introduces strict standards for the self-destructing mines, which re-main legal, to ensure they are easy to detect. New standards for marking minefields are also

included, except where "direct enemy military action makes it

impossible to comply". That is likely to be the case in many future armed conflicts. Aid agencies criticised the protocol for "legitimising" the "smart" mines which critics say are not sufficiently reliable to remove the threat to civilians completely.

The conference, attended by more than 80 countries, has ex-

Embassy took the unusual step of disseminating an internal memo, sent to all embassy staff

when the first reports of her sup-

posed resignation appeared. It says, in capital letters: "The Em-

bassy of the United States in

France would like to clarify

that Ambassador Harriman is

still in Paris and will remain at

her post indefinitely. The du-

tended the scope of the con-vention to civil wars, where almost all the recent carnage caused by anti-personnel mines has occurred. But many internal operations, such as those in Chechnya or Kashmir, could be classified as "internal security" or police actions, thus evading the convention.

Humanitarian groups also attacked the definition of antipersonnel mines, described as those "primarily designed to be exploded by the presence, prox-imity or contact of a person". This could exclude dual-use mines, designed to destroy light vehicles, and the sub-munitions from weapons like Britain's JP-233 anti-nunway weapon, which are "primarily" designed to de-stroy runways and hinder their repair but which are also anti-

personnel weapons. The convention bans the transfer of anti-personnel mines to "non-state" groups - like Hizbollah or the IRA - but humanitarian agencies are also

the convention would help. British Foreign Office Minister. David Davis, said yesterday: "The revised protocol will set new standards which will sig-nificantly reduce the dangers to innocent civilians. But it is only a step. Our goal is a total inter-national ban on these weapons."

On 22 April Mr Davis an-nounced Britain would destroy

part of the convention.

46 per cent of its stock of about 20,000 anti-personnel mines immediately. It would destroy the remainder if a total worldwide ban was agreed - something that is now unlikely to happen in the near future.

The conference did succeed in agreeing provisions for penal sanctions against people seriously violating the protocol, al-though it might be difficult to discover who had laid mines, and for an annual conference to discuss land mines.

The next full review conference will take place in five

US Embassy quashes report of Harriman quitting Paris

MARY DEJEVSKY

The United States embassy in Paris has "categorically denied" that the ambassador, the British-born aristocrat, Pamela Harriman, is resigning her post or leaving France. The denial follows a series of reports that Ms Harriman, whose arrival in Paris as an appointee of President Clinton raised eyebrows in diplomatic circles, was standing down or had already left France. To support its denial, the US

ration of the mission for all American ambassadors is at the pleasure of the president of the United States. While there can be no doubt that Ms Harriman is in Paris,

fore the end of Mr Clinton's first term as president, the wide currency given to reports of her resignation raise questions about the degree of support the 76-year-old ambassador enjoys in Washington, and specifically at the State Department. When it was pointed out that the initial reports of her departure came from Washington, a US embassy source in Paris said: "Washington is a hive of Ambassador Harriman has enemies like everyone else."

One of the first Paris reports of Ms Harriman's departure appeared in last week's Paris Match magazine, which showed a picture of Ms Harriman recelving an award from the French culture minister under

the heading, "Au revoir Madame after the autumn presidential l'ambassadeur". The caption elections. said that Ms Harriman had left Paris on 17 April and had received the award "to remind her of the city she so loves".

This week's edition carries a grovelling apology, headed: "Pardon, Madame l'ambas-

has not resigned, and apparently has no intention of leaving be-Pameia Harriman: 'Does sadeur." It says: "The ambassador wishes to clarify that she

> is still at her post in Paris and the end of Bill Clinton's presiour apologies for the erroneous

dency next January. We present The Washington Post article which fuelled US reports of her imminent departure, quoted

Ms Harriman as saying that she

would be "ready to go home"

She said her time in Paris had been "fascinating, but I've had enough", and she referred to long working days, the "limit to how long you can live a public life" and the difficulties of being single, and a woman in an ambassadorial post: "Many things I do would never be

asked of a male ambassador". The general tone of her remarks, and the fact that she was quoted as referring to the elections, rather than to the end of Mr Clinton's term, or to his possible re-election, permitted her remarks to be interpreted as meaning that she was leaving sooner rather than later.

Whatever the origin of the story, the Paris embassy's determination to scotch the story indicates it has been embarrassed and that Ms Harriman's position as ambassador has been undermined.

The affair comes at a time when the US particularly needs a strong presence in Paris. Relations are going through an ences in emphasis, if not outright rivalry, on Middle East policy, a year-old dispute about alleged CIA activities in France rumbling on, and a report in the French media yesterday, alleging that a US spy plane had overflown sensitive military installations earlier this year.



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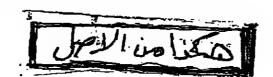
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Indian leader's guru in jail for fraud trace Prem Kumar, "Such peotrace Prem Kumar, "Such peotrace

prime minister. Narasimha Rau, for his sorcery and pulitical savvy, was sent to a New Delhi jail yesterday oo charges of fraud.

India has throngs of bogus holy men but few are as successful or controversial as Chandraswamy, 47, who looks tike an over-fed werewolf. Wearing white robes and with golden talismans clanking around his neck, the hairy godman", as the Indian press calls him. was led off by police to Tihar jail. one of the must violent prisons in Asia.

The swami's arrest is also a measure of how far the prime minister himself has fallen. Until now, Mr Rao's patronage has given Chandraswamy far greater protection from the law than any sorcerer's talisman.
But with Mr Rao's Congress
party facing defeat in parliamentary elections, which end on
9 May, Chandraswamy's spell of
invulnerability is fast fading.

It was a lowly chief magistrate in New Delhi whn finally had Chandraswamy arrested, after Supreme Court justices and cabinet ministers had tried in the past and failed. They were thocked by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), similar to Britain's MI5, which is under

"The CBI, which operates directly under the prime minister, had been dilly-dallying on the investigation due to the govsaid chief metropolitan magis-

facing prosecution. Such people are no looger untouchable."

If the magistrate had been as scathing about the prime minister just a few weeks ago, he would have found himself baoished to the guerrilla-infested jungles of the North-east as punishment. As one Supreme Court lawver said: "This magistrate wouldn't have had the guts to do this before. He realises that Rao is a setting sun."

What fically brought the jetsetting swami into a nose-dive was an eight-year old complaint made by a British-based Indian pickle merchant. Chandraswamy allegedly cheated the businessman, Lakhu Bhai Pathak, out of \$100,000 oo the false promise that he would use his government influence to obtain a newsprint contract.

Bail was denied for the swa-mi but he is expected to plead poor health in hopes of being moved out of an over-crowded jail cell in 105 degree heat to an air-conditioned hospital. In Madras, where he was ar-

rested on Thursday night, Chandraswamy wailed to the judge: "I am surprised I have been arrested. I am unwell." The swami was then flown to New Delhi, made to appear in

The prime minister, cam-paigning for the third and final round of India's elections, refused to comment on his guru's arrest. Mr Rao and the swami had been friends for 27 years, and when Mr Rao became

cedes-Benz was allowed entry up the driveway to the premier's mansion, earning him the nickname of "Mr Rao's Rasputin" The guru often boasted that the prime minster called him every

day. But no longer. Known as a "tantric", a kind of sorcerer who relies on incantations and mystical diagrams, Chandraswamy bas made previous accusations against him vanish into the air. The previous minister for internal security, Rajesh Pilot, al-leged last September that Chandraswamy had harboured a gangland assassin. Sonn after making the

charges. Mr Rao cast Mr Pilot into the political wilderness, making him minister in charge of forests and environment. Reports that the guru had acted as a bagman for an indus-trialist, who allegedly passed on £460,000 to the prime minister, were never chased up by police. In February, the CBL probably at Mr Rao's prodding, insisted that the case against the holy man be closed.

The Supreme Court, which lately has been the ooe lone voice against government cor-ruption, refused to drop the cases against the notorious guru. In an unprecedented move, the court also criticised the CBI for its bias towards the guru; the CBI director, according to some reports, was an occasional visitor to the Chandraswamy's ashram, where dignitaries would touch the "godman's"



Chandraswamy's intrigues go beyond India. Among his devo-

tees are said to be some very eminent people, including busipowers of which Chandraswamy boasts - mind-reading, oessmeo, stars of stage and screen and a pair of African prediction and spell-casting -pale beside his ability to dupe

their greed.

"I have never done anything wrong," he once protested. "Can the clouds ever eclipse the

presideots. Acquaintances his high-flying followers sun? They will ultimately scat-claim that the supernatural through flattery and appeals to ter and truth will prevail." In ter and truth will prevail." In India, pleoty of politicians are dreading the day when the truth about their links to the "godman" finally shine through.

Yeltsin promises talks on Chechnya

PHIL REEVES Moscow

Boris Yeltsin and his Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, both made fresh moves to clear the nath for negotiations over the Chechen war yesterday -- underlining their desperation to convince voters they can solve the conflict before it further damages the President's re-

election prospects.

But Mr Yeltsin, who has promised to settle the affair before next month's election, also conceded it was possible that nothing will result until after the poll. There may be a "delay" in the outcome of any talks because the issue is "far from simple", he said during a campaign visit to Yaroslavl, north-east of Moscow.

The beleaguered President, who trails the Cummunist leader. Gennady Zyuganov, in most polls, said he intended to announced a formula for a settlement in Cheehnya during a visit to the republic later this month. He said talks would involve three parties - the Moscow-backed Chechen government, the Russian federation. and separatist leaders - although it is unclear whether the

latter would agree to take part. Mr Yeltsin has made clear that he was not willing to grant complete independence to Chechnya, But Mr Primakov appeared to take a more flexible line, "Everything is negotiable, all questions can be put on the table, including any kind of status for Chechnya," he said. However, it is understood he is

still against full independence. He made his remarks in Strasbourg where he was attending a meeting of foreign ministers from the Council of Europe, which admitted Russia

as a member earlier this year. But the Kremlin appears to be geouinely pushing for a set-tlement in Chechnya in the hope of limiting the damage of the 17-mooth conflict which has claimed more than 30,000 lives and has led to the de-

struction of its capital, Grozny. It remains questionable whether Chechen rebel leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbeyiv, can enter talks so soon after last month's death of his predecessor, Dzhokhar Dudavev, without

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Aznar takes power with pledge to give it away jol's Convergence and Union party. The five MPs of the

ELIZABETH NASH Madrid

Spain's conservative Popular Party leader, Jose Maria Aznar, who narrowly won general elections two months ago, yesterday promised a dramatic transfer of power from Madrid to the regions that he predicted "could unleash a process without historical precedeot".

Laying out his programme for government before MPs, Mr Aznar proposed "a new territorial arrangement of power that recognises and respects the different peoples of Spain, their diversity, heterogeneity,

sensus was more than an aim. it was a necessity". He also insisted on the urgent

need for economic austerity, essectial to fulfil the criteria for European monetary union, he said, and to "make up for lost time". But he promised that this too would be achieved through dialogue and consensus.

The outgoing prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez, making his first opposition speech for 13 years, welcomed Mr Aznar's coociliatory looe. He promised he would be critical, but would oot trade in insults and devoted much of his reply to em-

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ate them". To achieve this, "con- Perhaps Mr Gonzalez was is a historic achievement - even keeping his powder dry, but it if this united front is oot guar-was sweetness and light in the anteed to hold. For the moment, first face-off for months betweeo Spaio's two leading politicians. "This legislature is going to be much less tense and much more fun than the last,"

he ooted at one point, to laugh-

ter and applause. Mr Aznar is assured of winning the vote today that will instal him as prime minister after sealing pacts with Spain's principal regional forces: nationalists from Catalonia, the Basque country and the Canary Islands. In doing so, he has for the first time united Spain's de-

however, Mr Aznar has secured 25 crucial parliameotary votes that deliver him an absolnte majority.

At the heart of his programme lies a formula for increasing regional autocomy, under which Spain's 17 regions will retain 30 per cent of income tax raised in each region. But the details, including a mechanism to prevent the poorer regions from losing out, remain to be worked out.

This commitment, the product of his deal with the Catalan nationalists led by Jordi Puiol,

ed by any government since the 1978 post-Francoist constitutioo that recognised the rights of Spain's regions and peoples. It buries what was until 4 March, the day after election day, the most conspicuous legacy of the PP's Francoist origins: the commitment to a ceotralised "Españolista" system of rule.

Mr Aznar's choice of words yesterday, his assurance that "each regioo should reach the maximum levels of self-gov-ernment", his appeal to "all Spaniards and peoples of Spain", mark an about-turn in approach that reveals the hall-

to climb aboard, after the PP promised to enact in full a devolutioo deal agreed by the Socialists but ool completed. Mr Aznar promised public spending cuts, deregulation, privatisation and the simplification of bureaucracy that was stifling small businesses, all with the aim of combating "our

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great oatiooal problem" - unemployment, the worst in Eutope. Pensions and welfare provisions would be protected. but Mr Aznar demanded more

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Poland struggles to shape up for Europe

number the tourists in the narrow streets of Warsaw's impeccably restored old city. Investors from France, Sweden, and Germany pender their fig-ures over a coffee in the newly privatised Telmina café. "I am getting into textiles," says a Swede. "Tourism," says a Ger-man. "I am into tourism."

Poland looks attractive to European investors. More than 5,000 new foreign companies are investing in Poland every year, according to government figures, and the Polish airline Lot reports an 85 per cent rise in business-class passengers between London and Warsaw this

Polish ministers argue that the country is oow so advanced that it is ready to join the European Union by 2000.

Grzegorz Kolodko, the Min-

EU entry will be granted when it suits Brussels: writes Sarah Helm in Warsaw

boasting \$52bn (£35bn) in for-eign investment last year cultural modernisation has Poland's deficit is now below the scarcely begun. More than 35 3 per cent ceiling set for ment bership of European Monetary Union, he says. In 1993 inflation in Poland was 38 per cent and today it is 17 per cent. Average salaries are \$300 a month and look set to rise to \$500 by 2000.

But how do EU decisionmakers view Poland and the nine other potential members from central and eastern Europe? Polish officials dream of entry in 2000, and some predict 2002, but a date has yet to be set. In Warsaw the transformation of the economy is evident. But in some areas of the countryside, unemployment is as high as 35 per cent. The horse and cart is still a common sight

current level of the Spanish economy in 2030. We cannot be happy with that, says Henryka Bochniarz, president of Nicom. cultural modernisation has a leading Polish consulting scarcely begun. More than 35 per cent of Poles still live on the In the end, the EUs big powers will not be too conland, with half of these decerned about economic factors when they make their decisioo pending wholly on farming for their livelihoods. In many areas,

about the timing of enlarge-ment. "Spain. Portugal and the average farm is about three acres, and the landscape is a patchwork of tiny strips. The European Commission has es-Greece were all poor as church mice when they joined. Portutimated that it would cost the gal's agriculture is still almost EU agricultural budget 10-15 billion ecu (£8-12bn) to aid the farmers of the 10 prospective medieval," said one commission official. Nor will member states take members under existing support

too much notice of the ever greater warnings that time is running out to cement the new democracies. The fact that former communists have taken power in Poland seems to worry nohody in Brussels.

These new communists know that it does not pay to be old fashiooed communists. They know the previous system has been broken," says Peter Ludlow, director of the Centre for European Policy Studies. "As for self-perpetuating of garchies, they are not unknown

first, where the threat from Russia is clearly much more real. The very size of Poland also meant it was going to be the hardest for Europe to swallow. Despite Poland's economic successes, there are rumblings in the corridors of EU capitals that under the new communist government, privatisation may be slowing down. The Polish

say it is the figure is more than 20 per cent. Poland's own business comnunity sends ont warning sigoals about a new reluctance among the post-communist regime to see through radical reform. "The rate of growth is far

government says that inflation

stands at 17 per cent, but banks

The biggest of the new applicants, with nearly 40 million people, Poland has always been the self-appointed leader of

the prospective new members,

and clamours louder than any

to be let in first. Germany, which

vants Poland as a buffer state,

has always put the country at the

top of the new members list. Other member states, meanwhile, have argued that if se-

curity is the maio concern, better let the Baltic states in

in Western Europe."

The decision in principal to accept the new members was taken by the EU in 1993. The decision on timing will largely be a political decision, to be taken once existing members have traded off their own particular foreign policy and trade interests and carved up the Brussels

The Union must also complete the painful task of reforming its institutions to make room for the oew members. Poland, therefore, can bang on the door as much as it likes. but will still be made to wait outside until the ponderous political machine of Brussels

Zappa takes his place in nation *e* for the wacky

Never mind free and fair elec-tions, independent judiciaries or respect for ethnic minorities. A better known for his depictions of the likes of Lenin and other communist heroes. country can only be declared truly democratic if its leaders are big enough to allow the crection of a monument to the late,

lamented Frank Zappa. . That, at least, is the theory of Saulius Paukstys, a 31-year-old Lithuanian photographer who, in his private life, doubles up as President of the country's thriv-

ing Frank Zappa club. In a visit to California in 1992, Mr Paukstys was actually grant-ed a brief audience with the zany rock star, whose anti-es-tablishment stance made him a cult figure in Lithuania and much of eastern Europe during

Zappa's death from cancer

one year later hit Mr Paukstys and fellow devotees hard and in a flash of inspiration he vowed to erect a lasting memorial to his great mentor. "We have lots of busts and statues to long dead Lithuanian poets and artists and I suddenly Zappa "he says.

Okay, so Zappa never visited Lithuania and had absolutely no connection with the country,

but as far as I was concerned this was a test of our new found freedom. Lithuania had just proclaimed itself to he a democratic country. I wanted to test it and see if I would be able to realise my ideas.

from artists, writers and younger members of the Lithuanian parliament, Paukstys presented a petition to the city government requesting permission to build a bust of Zanpa outside the Vilnius art academy. Perhaps surprisingly, the authorities agreed. Teachers at the academy.

however, were less keen, fearing that a memorial to a man still revered for his anti-establishment songs could corrupt the innocent minds of students. In the end, the location was

changed, but, with a \$1,000 raised for its construction, the stone bust on top of its 4-metre high stainless steel column was duly unveiled late last year. Zappa himself would no doubt have enjoyed the irony of the ceremony, which included a stirring performance by the city's military band, a firework display, and plenty of toasts to 70-year-old local sculptor Kon-stantings Booglangs

stantinas Bogdanas, previously

Paukstys claims that the bust, which shows a pony-tailed Zappa in rather sombre mood in the later years of his life, is the first of its kind in the world. It is not, however, the first example of a propensity among Lithuanians to embrace the whacky.

In 1992 the country's basketball team defeated Russia to take bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics - and then turned up for the awards ceremony in psychedelic T-shirts donated by the legendary rock band, The Grateful Dead. When the band's former lead

singer, Jerry Garcia, died last year, the Lithuanian prime minister sent a personal note of con-



Frank Zappa: Rock star honoured with statue

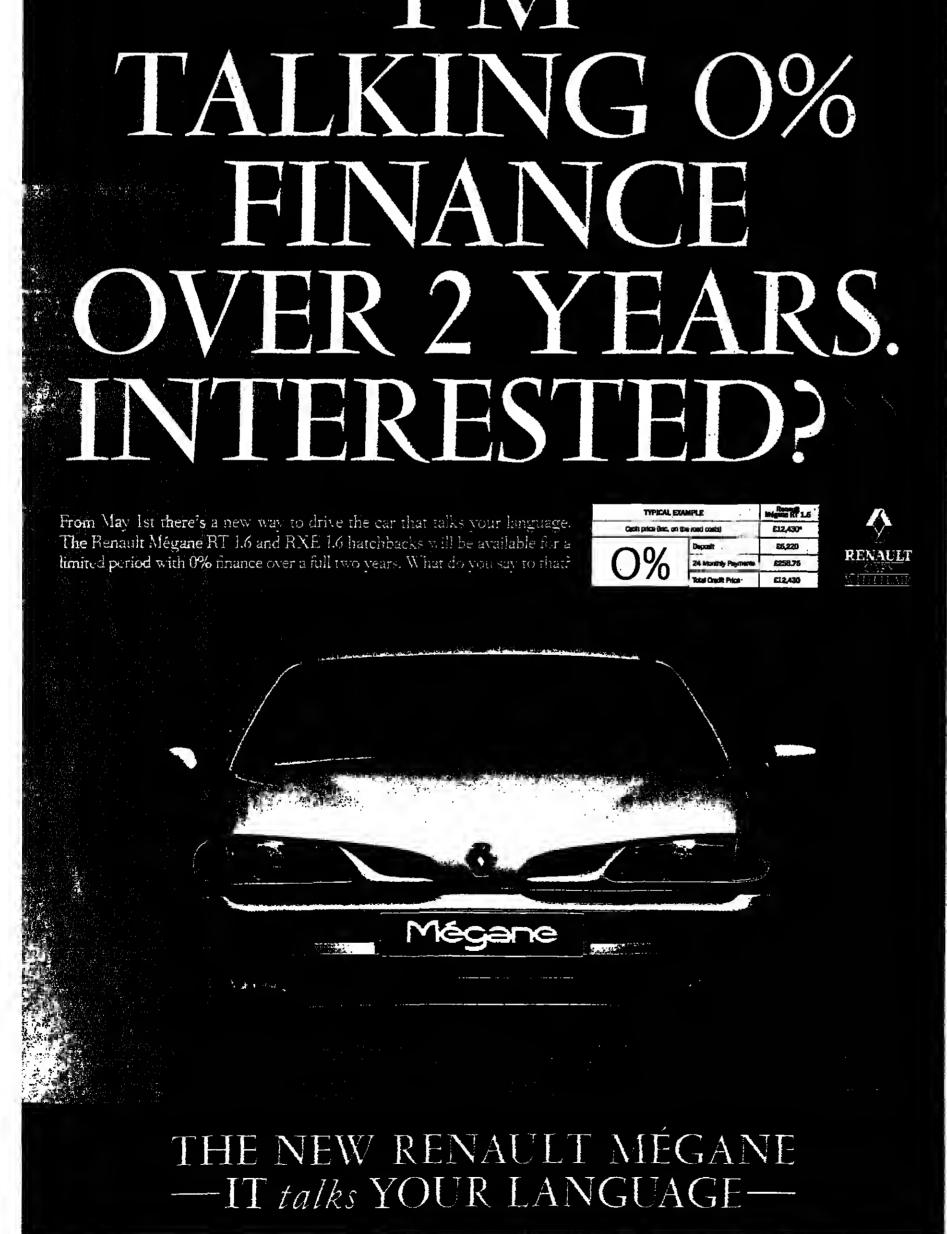
Having gathered signatures dolence and his spokesman said that Lithuania had been proud to have such a famous band as sponsor.

More recently, Vilnius has chalked up another first with the opening of a bar named "Nato's" - a celebration of the Western military alliance which Lithuania aspires to join.

When Nato Secretary-Gen-eral Javier Solana visited the Baltic states last month he was taken inside "Nato's" which, in addition to a display of guns, grenades and mock missiles, has a menu which boasts "Red Mine Caviar". "Demarcation Chicken" and "Remains of a Partisan".

This would clearly not be the place to bring Russian President Boris Yeltsin to lunch, but Mr Solana seemed cheerfully bemused. This is a very particular place," the Nato chief said. "Indeed, it is the first time I have seen anything like it in my life."

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The other championship race

Small-town France is up for the cup - and the league, too. The unprecedented success of the 'paysay's' from Auxerre against big city rivals has become symbolic of a divided nation, says Mary Dejevsky

at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris for a cup final unlike any other. It is not only that the two teams contesting the match -Auxerre and Nimes - were unfancied for the cup and that both come from out of town. It is that one of them, Auxerre, also heads the French league.

While England prepares to see whether the expensive big names of Manchester United can carry off both the Premier League and FA Cup, Auxerre, the team from a town of only 40,000 people, is on course to become the first small town in France to "do the double".

To arrive where it is today, Auxerre has slain a good number of large dragons, including the southern ruffians of Olympique Marseille. But the signal event in its progress was the epic match on 30 March when it beat the fast-living, starstudded Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) 3-0 at bome and snatched its place at the top of the league table. That was when all France found itself drawn into the battle for the double.

Five weeks on, Auxerre's football team finds itself carrying the aspirations of thousands, even millions, of determinedly non-metropolitan French people. And among the most prominent supporters is the screen idol Gérard Depardicu, who has followed the. team's fortunes avidiy.

Auxerre has come to represent the provinces versus Paris, and where Axerro is next at the countryside versus the town, the "real" France against shop - Monsiur Fialaix, who

wicked commercialism — us against "them".

When the PSG supporters came to Auxerre, it is related, they spent much of the match chanting scornfully, "Paysans, paysans?" (peasants, peasants), at the opposing team. By the end of the match, the chant had been proudly taken up by the been proudly taken up by the home supporters. "Paysans, paysans!" they yelled back, and proud of it. With Auxetre, as one French reporter noted recently, you start by talking about foothall, and suddenly you find you are talking about France".

A s dusk gathers this evening, than two hours' drive from Paris, this is Burgundy. It does not have the feel of remoteness and neglect that often characterises rural France. It is genuine small-town France, esquing its living from flourishing farms. orchards and vineyards; proud and self-sufficient.

> walled medieval city with a lopsided cathedral where Jean of Arc reputedly stopped in 1429 and whose second towersome-

cherry and apple treesin blos-There are mon sports equip-

hung over whit were once the town gates, poclaiming when home. A high-treet chocolate won the "firstprize for white

will be laid on fothe cup final. The populatio of Auxerre is young: almost 6 per cent are under the age of 0. The unemployment rate : well below the French averag of almost 12

The town itself is a mce-

how never got built. The Yonne river flows placidly below. You can still glimpse sloping woods and fields from the old own. In late spring, wth the

som, Auxerre looks life every small French town rught to look. It is washed anchrushed almost fanatically. Its ing road has flower borders and the unmistakeable source of piano practice waft through the air. The cobbled street are lined with small shops, in the jew-ellers' windows, at the clocks and watches are so at the right time, and the trafeurs unselfconsciously disply all manner of animal parts it eating. The place of sport, but especially football, is at sice apparent. ment shops that any one small town could resonably expect to support. Ad just now, with the team on ourse for the double, the excitment is tangible. Big white baners have been

chocolate at ie Montelimar international accolate fair" has festooned is window with the football tem's hlue and white ribbons ad does a pop-ular line in choolate footballs: Fr24 for the scallest, up to Fr300 and beyod for the larger ones. Fly-shee: everywhere advertise the spcial train that

Auxerre and its surrounding per cent. There money, but region is French heartland. Less not overt wealth, wer the past



Guy Roux, who says his team has had to beat the media's Paris bias: 'It's a question of the dominated against the dominant, the colonised against the colo

two decades, the city council has encouraged the football team as an asset that promotes Amerre and puts it on the . national, even international; map. It publishes figures attestother benefits it says the team's

success has brought. The policy is not universally popular. "Sometimes you think that maybe the money would be better spent on housing or help-ing, poor people," a young woman at the Chamber of Commerce hazarded. "No, not everyone thinks it's so wonderful The fact is, though, that a great many Auxerrois are fully behind their team, and the mayor was voted back last June, when many a long-serving French mayor was drummed from office. What is more, the recently built 20,000-seater stadium has been filled to capacity for its last

three home matches. The secret of Auxerre's success, however, hes not just in the town's youthful population, its

relative affluence, or the support of the town council. Much of it can be put down to one man: Guy Roux, the 57-year-old team manager. He has been in his job for 34 years - surely a record for ing to the commercial and a football manager - and took

Among the

team's most avid followers is the film idol Gérard Depardieu the team steadily from the fifth to the first division, from where

it has never once been relegated. Roux is a smallish, roundish and hugely dynamic man whose reputation precedes him wherever he goes. He is gruff and charming by turns, speaks his mind and owes nothing to anyone. For the record, he is also

the man who "discovered" Eric big matches to make sure they Cantona as a 15-year-old in Marseille - and kept him at Auxerre for seven years. "Eric," Roux said, pointing

to the battered vinyl and



office beside the training pitch, "would always sit there. Always. He is a big character, a strong character, very intelligent. He would come in, and we would just talk, for an hour or more."

There are many myths sur-rounding Roux. It is said, for instance, that he patrols outside his players' hotel rooms before

stay in and don't keep the wrong company, "Yes, that's true," he said. "You see, many of the players are just young kids really, they need discipline."

Then from the subject of his players' discipline he went off at what appeared to be a tangent: You know the worst thing that happened to our country? May 1968, the student revolt, that's what. Two generations of young people have been ruined. After that, young people didn't see why they should take any instructions from anyone. Discipline went completely to pieces. It was a catastrophe, and the effects are still being felt."

How about reports that he forbids his players from buying fast, showy cars because it gives the wrong impression. "No," he countered quickly, "I don't for-bid them." He paused. "But I do advise them. The thing is that people who come to foothall matches aren't rich and they have to pay for their ticket out

of their hard-earned income. If erre only came to national small town are driving round in new cars and changing them every few months they resent it,

Roux has long set himself up as a father-figure to aspiring youngsters. The pitches of the Abbe Deschamps sports complex are dotted with small footballers being coached by Aux-erre players. Roux often goes "Yes, and hate mail too - after erre players. Roux often goes to watch after supervising the team session. He picked most of hisfirst team as youngsters and had them work their way up. He is famously tightfisted and does not buy ready-made

as a country bumpkin naive in the ways of the world, however, is far from the truth. When you ask Roux about the notion that Auxerre has somehow come to represent the "real" France against the hig city, he agrees wholeheartedly. It was utterly predictable, he said, that Aux-

Saint-Germain: "All the media really counts for them unless it affects Paris. In that, it's a question of the dominated versus the dominant; the colonised against the colonialist.

His desk is a mountain of post. Is it true that he gets fan we beat Marseille, you should have seen the letters."

This afternoon, Auxerre's supporters will set off in their special train for the big match in Paris. They are expected back at 3am. If they win, Auxerre are A widespread idea of Roux almost sure of the double - they are four points clear in the league, with only two games still to play. But even if they fail, the defiant chants of "Paysans, paysans" will continue to echo through small-town France for a very long time. And you can guarantee that Auxerre will be back next year.

Jo Brand's week

It is our final show in Sydney this week. Reaction habeen pretty good and we have not been savaged by the press. However, one oman in the audience obviously thought I was taking "The Wreck Of The Heserus" look too far. She was beard to remark to a friend, "I'm sure that Jo rand has put talcum powder in her hair to make herself look older." I wish, reminded me that in my youth, dry shampoo was quite popular for a while until everyone realised it made them look like they had severe dandruffAs far as any attempts I might make to make myself look worse than I are concerned, they are a very long way off. Following a serious brush withair dye several years ago which turned me into a blind Elephant Woman r four days, I just left my hair to do what it wanted, but I'm not giving it a heing hand.

There are slight differences in the use of the English language over here that give something of a cartoonish quality to news reports. For example, the word "beaten" tends to get replaced by the word "bashed". Therefore, when you are reading a beadline such as "Policeman bashed in Sydney", it is more reminiscent of the Beano than a serious newspaper report. Australians are equally contemptuous of some of our words. Apparently, we don't pronunce vitamin or maroon (ie, "marone") property and we say duvet instead of "doona". Still, perhaps we'll all fall into line when we start talking the universal language ... American.

The Sydney Morning Herald chose to reveal a few choice facts about Fergie this week, including her obsession with psychic forecasts and the information that she stopped taking Prozac to enjoy sex more.

Many women seem to ching desperately to mysticism to reveal their future, which is probably an indicator of how keen they are to change their present situation. I think this is another way of avoiding taking responsibility for one's actions, something that, until recently, women have been forced into doing. Fergie was spending 30 hours a week, apparently, indulging in attempts to predict her fate. A quick glance at the papers might have been easier. As for her Prozac experience, is

there anyone in Brin who is not taking it? I thoughte'd got past the stage where doctorsive drugs on demand, but so man scople I know are popping Prozac, wheory, this country should be like topia, with lots of happy bunnies jump g around and enjoying their lives. But thaving a jump, apparently, as it acts libido.

I thought Mary Whiteho; had been quiet for a long time, so bas reassuring to see her pop and snarl at the recently deceased Duis Potter's latest televisual treat. I hav't seen it but I am sure there was pley there for her to get her teeth into. Poold Mary W... she's so predictable. Vidn't it be great if just the once the loved the



odd F-word and laid into Antiques Roadshow for its encouragement of human greed. Or perhaps she could direct her wrath at Songs Of Praise. because most of the congregation are just trying to get their phizogs on telly. The problem with Mary is that she has become such an institution that people aren't surprised when she flies in on the coat-tails of a well-aimed punch or a peeping penis. It's important to keep your detractors on their toes. Come on, Mary - shock us.

I would also be very shocked if for five minutes Virginia Bottery stopped trumpeting her lottery as if it was some God-given personal triumph she alone had dreamed up. She is obviously overcome with deep joy as well, because the can call parious I about because she can call various Labour MPs, who are not so keen, "hypocrites", because their constituencies are receiving money. It's so black and white in Toryland. A few quid to paint a community centre in St Albans does not wipe out the thousands of desperate, poor people spending their last few quid in a hopeless attempt to pull themselves out of hell. Still, I suppose it keeps them quiet on a Saturday. Doesn't it, Virg?

to trouble with his hairstyle this after he transferred out of multi went back on the best. The style involved a ponytail, which is not acceptable on the streets. Worse, it was not even a tidy ponytail, having been described by the Met representative as "not attractively groomed" and like "a doctored dog's tail".

I know how the poor guy feels. If you are in a position such as nurse or an, you are constantly called upon to live up to a stereotype. I proudly admit that as a psychiatric nurse, I was a total scruffbag and the despair of the nursing hierarchy. However, the people we dealt with in the psychiatric emergency clinic didn't give a toss. After all, having a tidy bob and a smart suit never helped anyone acutely anxious to feel calmer.

I was sent a letter warning me that the Oxfam look was unacceptable and I'd better twin-suit up or I'd be out of a job. I handed in my resignation and (thank God) the contents of the fashion-obsessed bosses' letter were immediately retracted. It wouldn't happen now and that's why I'm glad I got out of the health service when I did. When my career falls apart and I go back, I hope a Labour government less obsessed with looks over substance will let me breeze back looking like Worzei Gummidge. Let's hope they've thrown



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What Middle England wants: the Grumpy Party

Middle England isn't a real place with grid ref-erences - Basildon in the east, Harrogate in the north, Bournemouth in the south, Worcester in the west. Middle England is more like something in the air, a background moan. That moan rose to one of its periodic crescendes this week in the district council elections. No amount of psephological tweaking could disguise the routing of the Tories; their supporters show no signs of returning to the fold before the main event. Where there is affection for Tony Blair, it is love

on the rebound. And bighly conditional at that. Middle England has not converted to the milkand-water precepts of New Labour. The mood music is a sort of terchy, on-edge Philip Glass. Labour may take some pleasure from these results, but it would be unwise to take too much. The electoral justice of Middle England might ordain that the pendulum should swing. Party pref-erences might shift to Labour. But beneath all that, there is a different movement that should worry both parties: the next general election will be fought amid harsh disapproval of the political system as a wbole.

It is still difficult to see where this disaffection might lead. Some optimistic analysts believe it could eventually lead to institutional reform. But the picture is mixed. First-past-the-post voting is more popular now than a decade ago, but more people want to reform the House of Lords and see the Scots achieve some form of independence or devolution. Yet Charter '88, the constitutional reform lobby group, would secure little name recognition in Tesco in Tewkesbury.

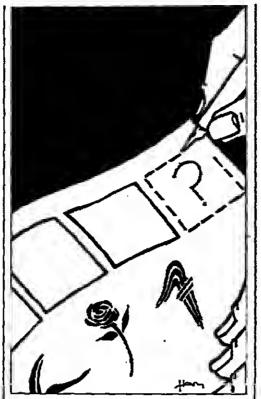
No. New Labour's mood might bave been

improved by the results, but the mood of the country is not positive. The country is disgrun-tled and grumpy. Seventeen years of Conservative government have sawn through many of the planks on which identity and security are built—and they include a reliable public water supply, and Aunt Sally British Rail as well as Essex County Council. This sense of anxiety has a material base. "Downsizing" is about more than job cuts. We are "downsizing" our expectations, coming to terms with long-run deflacion, slower growth and stagnant living standards. It means ceasing to think of bouses as appreciating assets which, for all the pressure of negative equity in parts of the country, most of us still do. Throughout the 19th century, rich and poor rented, for the very good reason that other more liquid assets offered a higher return. Downsizing means inten-sified competition for secure jobs, and that in turn means aspiring for one's children's future in dramatically different terms from the way our own parents pictured ours.

It is not that Basildon is suddenly worse off.

Real incomes are still rising; unemployment is under 8 per cent. In Oxfordshire, it is just over half that, but the Tories still lost heavily on Thursday. People are spending, we reported the other day the dense penetration of British housebolds by personal computers. Useful and fascinating they may be, they are oot a necessity of life, even for families with games-playing 11-year-olds. The Tories are right. If the "feel-good" factor

was based on objective indices, they ought to see their flock turning away from Blainte temptation. But how little we know about the subterranean



causes of changes in sentiment. It is partly a mat-ter of expecting things to worsen. Middle England starts to fear for its old age; who will pay for care? Will pensions be enough to support the designated lifestyle? Will the children of dislocated families rally round? Who will pay for post-school educa-tion with all this talk of loans and students having to contribute toward tuition costs, and what kind of jobs will this education lead to? Once, the expansion of the "service class" - middle-income sup-pliers of services - seemed unstoppable But now? Well, listen to Martin Mears, the controversial president of the Law Society. His noisy tootstamping is the sound of the backwoodsmen of a profession fighting competition, simultaneously wanting to restore the respect and trust of the public and yet force the public to pay more for similar to provide the public to pay more for similar to prov

As yet, this edgy, tetchy mood has not found full political voice. Euroscepticism picks up some of the mood but its exponents are still too shrill to really command the political agenda. The Tory pot does contain some of the ingredients that could go into a populism opposed to economic insecurity—xenophobia, cultural authoritarianism, Tebbitism. But it also contains economic liberalism which promotes markets and compedoon the very bearers of insecurity for many. (The instability of the elements which make up that party looks daily ever greater.)
We gaze across the Atlantic and wonder about

the scope here for a Perot businessman-as-saviour or Buchanan-protectionist-populist. Sir Jam's Goldsmith rides across the Channel on his pieball charger. Mohamed al-Fayed looms over Knights bridge. But what strange mixtures they are - one a Jewish cosmopolite, the other an Arab with attitude who has gone left rather than right to find political leverage against the establishment which lears and despises him in equal measure. Yet despite these new arrivals on the political scene, it is difficult to imagine a full-blown Perotism or Buchananism emerging in Britain's more sedate,

The ideological tenor of the times is hard to catch. There may be scope for a "left" response to discontent and dismay, a turn back toward collectivist solutions, taxes on the very wealthy, reregulation to protect middle-class jobs. In an annions California in the early Thirties, demagogues promised a chicken in every pot; perhaps Essex would warm to an earnings-related pension for every 65-year-old, paid for by a thick slice into corporate dividends or incomes over £50,000 a year. Who could definitively rule out a political future for neo-egalitarianism

As yet neither the right, with all its contradichors, nor the left, with its new-found coution about not raising expectations too high, fully addresses this mood of grumpiness head on. As a result, there is a sense that politics is not doing its job fully, when something profound and powerful about the nation's mood is not expressed. Yet person the profound is not expressed. Yet person the profound is not expressed. haps we should be grateful that populism has not made further headway. Billericay is never going to be the breeding ground of political passion. But this carping and resentful mood is likely to survive the defeat of the Tories and the advent of Labour. We have probably found the Big Idea of the latter part of the decade - grumpiness.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

'Jerusalem': counterblast from Scotland's green and pleasant land Civic 'fraud'

gest that he is either small-

nation do bave their place, but the words of "Jerusalem" are wholly irrelevant in a Scottish context (Letters, 1 May).

As a student training for the Ministry in the Church of Scotland, f warmly welcome the proposals of the Kirk's Panel on Worship to replace the 1973 Clurch Hymnan (Third Edi-tion) with a new hymn book. The CH3 has proved an inadequate source, the result being that many congregations still use the 1927 Revised Church Hymnary supplemented by contemporary works such as Mission Praise. The primary pur-pose of hymn singing is to praise the living God, not for self-gratification, tradition or

I was dismayed by the offensive tone of Lord Broadbridge's letter. I have never heard the noble Lord speak, but there is a possibility that his accent is

toria to Dover Priory was held

an hour this morning (30 April).

It was a beautiful morning. The

sun was shining. Not a hint of

the wrong sort of snow, of heav-

ier than usual rain, of craftily

falling leaves, of booligan ele-

ments abound the train, of points

failure, of malfunctioning car-

riage couplings, of industrial

action, of fatalities on the line

No, this morning the dying remnants of British Rail battled

heroically against a new and

even more insidious enemy:

the Wrong Sort of Passenger.

The delay, we were loudly and proudly informed by our guard,

was due to the sudden discov-

ery on board our train of an

"illegal immigrant" who beld

neither valid ticket nor pass-

port, and whom the police,

would clearly have felt most at

Orwellian incident on the 8.33

Sir. Hymns interceding for the a European Union commissioner were to make such comments about England, there would no donht be an outcry from the Euroscepoes; meanwhile Scotland has had to endure an appalling Conserva-tive government unelected by Scots and the uncouth mutterings of legislators in the House

> given its Presbyterian system of church government, with coogregational Kirk Sessions, 49 area Presbyteries and the annual General Assembly each with authority in their own areas, is a model of democratic federalism. Maybe such familiarity is a reason why a federal Europe and a federal Britain (including a Scottish Parliament) is attractive to

panel's decision to announce as the United Reformed that some hymns may need to be removed, what is distasteful is Lord Broadbridge's personal comment about the Rev Charles Robertson, a man he has apparently never met (Letters, 1 May). The Rev Robertson, secretary of the hymnary, is one of those liturgists notoof Lords elected by nobody.

The Church of Scotland, rious for his resistance to fads of political correctness. To sug-

minded or idiotic advances reasoned debate not one whit, The issues raised by those charged with preparing a oew hymnary are concerned with shifts in culture and language. Not everyone will find feminist challenges to the well-known words and forms congenial, but we cannot wish them away. It is the responsibility of those who prepare worship to find lan-guage that will reflect the good, many Scots. MATTHEW Z Ross Edinhurgh the true, and the beautiful in equal measure. Gender-inclu-

Church demonstrated in its 1990 hymmary Rejoice and Sing. Six years ago, the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain produced a collection of papers

and essays entitled Singing the Faith. Much of what it said then rehearsed the issues confronting those who oversee the production of new hymn books. Interested readers can make themselves informed critics by reading that book or Brian Wren's What Language Shall I Borrow?. In the meantime I hope that

Lord Broadbridge, whom I have never met, has the opportunity to attend the Kirk of Canongate, where the Rev Robertson exercises a ministry distinguished by decency, order and the affection of his The Rev Dr Paul P J SHEPPY

Barnoidswick, Lancashire

weird, amusing or even incom-prehensible to Scottish ears. If Church of Scotland hymnary threaten any of these coocerss, the Church of Scotland for Sir. In the hubbuh following the sive language does not per se Sir. I have been a member of

over 50 years, and an organist for nearly 30. During that time, I have neither sung "Jerusalem", nor been asked to play it. Far from dropping a well-loved hymn for "politically correct" reasons, might I suggest that our hymnary com-

mittee have rightly concluded that the hymn has simply fallen

Stenton, Lothian

Sir: Why be surprised the Church of Scotland no longer offers to build Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant

MAY D BERRY Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Sir: I have had difficulty in treating this hymn seriously since someone said to me, "The answer to the first verse is 'No', to the second 'Fetch them your-

The Rev KETTH C BLACKBURN Sevenoaks, Kent

in Hackney

Sir. Your report on Bernard Crofton ("Housing chief is Keep off fraud and liar says report", 1 May) raises more questions than it answers.
If Bernard Crofton was, or is,

guilty of fraud, at what point was Hackney council (leading Labour councillors and senior ISABEL M J JEFFREY officers) aware of this? If it was prior to his suspension in October 1994, why was he not also charged with fraud and the evidence presented to the disciplinary sub-committee last

> Your report refers to the "Blue Document" which, after interviewing Andrew Ardeo QC, Ian MacDonald QC is reported to dismiss as "untrue and fabricated". In view of the importance of that document in the appeal hearing, why was Andrew Ardeo QC either unable or unwilling to give evidence to the appeal panel?

You refer to the oames of 600 employees being secretly assed to the Immigration | are keen to recommend ways in a shady yard". Give Department for checking. Whilst there is no denying that names were passed to the Immigratioo Department, the only person to have publicly linked this with Bernard Crofton was Brian Sedgemore MP, who hid behind parliamentary privilege to do so. I am still waiting to see him make this allegation without the use of parliamentary privilege.

I cannot comment on the MacDonald report as I have oot yet received a copy but if I, or indeed any Hackney councillor, is going to take it seri-ously, it will need to provide full documentation to back up the allegation that Bernard Crofton is a "fraud and liar".

CIL KEVIN DAWS Leader of the Opposition, London Borough of Hackney

Yearning for a new MP

Sir. I am writing to thank David Aaronovitch ("The Diva from Hell", 3 May) for his pointed parody of our dreadful Conservative MP for Gravesham, Mr Jacques Arnold.

I do not wish to make a party point, but, as a resident of Gravesham, I increasingly depair at being represented by a man who simply shouts, bays, and whines, and who sits in the Commons like a malign school-boy at one of the rear desks.

ingly fine borough, and I crave indeed get rid of their lawns. an early election in the hope that we can replace Mr Arnol with a more worthy represen tative possessing at least son dignity and gravitas. Professor PHILIP STO

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taken into consideracion. PAUL FOX

birth certificates and passports. | missioning creat way

AARONOVITCH

the grass

Give to English cople", num-ber four or five after "always give up your set for a for-eigner and the bys are playing soccer in the freet again, I suggest you mov your car") might be "save fater - pave over your lawn".

Yet this is enally what Severn Trent Water-concerned about its ability o service its customers this sunner - has dooe in a leafletirculated this hlow-jobs. One advice page lists week. The comany believes a vast number of queries and the British climie is changing. responses under headings like which will mea that summer droughts become a regular occurrence. Thaghtfully, they which gardene can adapt to Christian burial, say I.

these altered drumstances.

Cue condunations by Labour MPs (tho scent more middle-class dtrage over the depradations privatised utilities) and staments of defi-ance from las-loving retired bank manage throughout the Midlands. Trir fathers and grandfathersfought against somebody-orther precisely to prevent the was of England

being paved cr.
And there's indeed some-thing worryg about all this.
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of the spact of global warming shid come in a fiyer from Sever Irent, and not from John summer's lot over at Environment. Call me oldfashined, but I still believe thaine of Government's few regining functions is to tell ciens when they are about to both by meteorites, catapulted is global war or plunged into

lew Ice Age. But this does not make Sevin this does not make several who sits in the commons like a malign school-opertinent their advice may or at one of the rear desks.

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If you were a compile a list
Lawns are wasteful of both water
and time, are environmentally
Unpopular Piecs of Advice to
damaging, represent a threat to wildlife and look horrible.

Certainly, the amount uf water that it takes to maintain a small piece of clipped sward is disproportionately great - no one contests that. But the time and effort expended on keeping it acrated, fertilised, moss-free, sanded, seeded and rolled is also preposterous. Tap into the Internet and you will discover that lawacare has more entries than responses under headings like "Moles", "Quackgrass", "straw over re-seeded patch" and the sinister "seeding over dead sod

Lawn obsessives are not just sad in themselves, but dangerous. They pour pesticides on their grass, main hedgehogs with their strimmers and regularly clutter up casualty departments after their rutary mowers have shot up their legs and inflicted damage.

And for what? For yet another regular patch of dull, short grass, in a country that is not exactly short on grass (if you look down from a plane its practically all you can see).

But the most beautiful gardens in the world, like the Generalife at the Alhambra in Granada, have no grass at all. Every inch is used for flowers, stune-flagged nooks, fountains and benches. There is a surprise - a delight - at every turn. The great British lawn is open, regular and unintriguing, a flat-tening of nature, rather than a harnessing of it.

So why do we do it, this lawning? Like so much else it is short lawn bespeaks odiness, hard work and a concern for the Communication Dynamics, illustrating the benefits of keep-

Sit on map." Or, best of all, and mouniversal: "Children? Why beer?" Oddbo, that confirmation London EC1

a product of Victorian stiffness and displayed civic virtue. A big. good opinion of others. In America "lawn-care operators" have been showing businesses a report from the Centre For ing a neat lawn: "It indicates that you are safety and environmentally conscious, a good neighbour and well-managed."

Humbug! Pave it over right

Common sense on drug abuse

Sir. Your report on the Task Force report on drug misusers (2 May) identifies a significant boost for common sense within the Government's drugs strategy. The Department of Health is to be commended for commissioning this landmark study.

Yet with drug addiction up 13 per cent in the last year alone the effectiveness of the current halance of government resources between enforcement and control (61 per cent) and treatment, care and education (38 per cent) needs urgent

reconsideracon. Common sense also includes not only investing more extensively in the drug services which are proven to save significant sums of taxpayers' money, but also a closer look at the social and economic factors underly-ing problem drug use. This will involve a strengthened commitment across a wider range of government departments - to include support targeted at drug users from within employment and training, bousing and regeneration programmes.

ROGER HOWARD Chief Executive Standing Conference on Drug Abuse London SE1

Sir: The 8.33 service from Vic- home on the Deutsche Reichsbahn in the late 1930s, and eviup at Rochester for a quarter of dently expected all respectable passengers to applaud his patriotic intervencion. But instead there were exclamations of shock, of disbetief, of anger too. Anger that even a national institution as charmingly inept and slapdash as British Rail had finally been poisoned by the culture of frightening intolerance and creeping authoritarianism that our government promotes daily.

Mr Howard's long-lost Romanian relatives would be well advised to hitchhike in future, should they ever bave the misfortune to find themselves visitors in Britain. And whoever now actually runs the railways in this country should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves for allowing their crisis-ridden service to become an instrument of what is beginonce they arrived on the scene. would shortly be detaining.
The guard, with his
Orwellian telescreen-tones, ning to resemble a police state.

LAWRENCE KUGLIN Sittingbourne, Kent

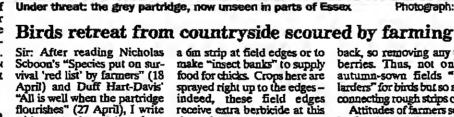
Water company's gardening advice

Sir: Your coverage (3 May) of our advice on how to save water in the garden completely missed the point.

The one lesson which we should all have learned following the extraordinary drought of 1995 was that water is a precious resource which cannot be wasted Severn Trent Water is delivering a £150m package of measures to ensure that we have the water to meet all of our customers' needs this summer.

We have also produced a leaflet for gardeners which offers a range of sensible advice. It includes tips on drought resistant plants, ways to improve soil and how to keep your lawn looking good, ft also suggests the use of paying or gravel as an alternative to grass - not a revolutionary idea, as a look at any residential

street in England will confirm. BRIAN DUCKWORTH Managing Director Severn Trent Water Birmingham



living next to arable farmland The English grey partridge has disappeared in this time— all is not well for farmland

birds around bere. I have seen no evidence of the Game Conservancy's initiatives to create more sympa-thetic conditions on farmland for game birds and thus for other species - no attempts to reduce spray damage by leaving

Sir: After reading Nicholas a 6m strip at field edges or to make "insect banks" to supply food for chicks. Crops here are sprayed right up to the edges - indeed, these field edges receive extra berbicide at this with some observations from time of year.

Set aside areas are often ploughed, barrowed, rolled or sprayed during May. This does not belp ground-nesting birds. After harvest farmers "tidy-

up field edges before plough-ing and resowing crops from September. This involves trimming ditches and banks, levelling all plant growth (not just patches of thistles) and some-times sapling trees. What hedges remain are also cut

autumn-sown fields "empty larders" for birds but so are any connecting rough strips of land. Attitudes of farmers seem to be that they need to make a living and therefore cannot afford

back, so removing any winter

berries. Thus, not only are

to spare any land for conservadon measures. This may be so. However, it remains that if these methods of treating the land are repeated farm after farm, parish after parish, which sadly seems to be the case, then bird species must con-tinue to decline since they, like us, need a habitat.

Mrs A M BICKMORE
Gilston, Essex

EU 3 per cent 'limit' on budget deficit is a fallacy

Sir: Gavyn Davies (29 April) is guilty of perpetuating the myth that Maastricht imposes a limit of 3 per cent on budget deficits. Three per cent is merely a reference value, such that the EU makes an evaluation of the situation of states exceeding this value in order to determine whether their deficit can be considered to be excessive. Such an evaluation must,

under the treaty, take into

betate 3177/as and response for \$12.50, Prices value from 675790.71 she said. "When I realised that tors breached the 1976 Euro-have to amend legislations."

account such factors as "goverument investment expenditure" (ie public investment is allowed even over 3 per cent) and "the medium-term economic and budgetary posicion" (ie counter cyclical deficits are also allowed). ft requires a qualified majority (more than shame that your specialis two-thirds of the votes) for columnist appears also to been taken in by this fallacy.

A combination of Euro-scep-

tics (who like to portray the Maastricht convergence criteria as impossibly rigid) and fiscal conservatives (who want to reduce public deficits come what may) have led to much of the press referring to the 3 per cent as an absolute limit. It is a shame that your specialist columnist appears also to bave

RICHARD CORBETT Antwerp, Belgium

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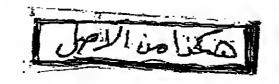
QUOTE UNQUOTE

It's difficult to go on public transport now. I used to enjoy going on the Tube because it's an actor's job to look at people. Now they look at me all the time - Richard Wilson, Victor Meldrew of TV's One Foot in the Grave

Few women in the public eye reach 40 without someone from their past "revealing all" to the tabloids - Selina Scott, acknision personality Sir. A spectator at a forball Mr Feeld, I am now going to insert this soft tube into you match has been found guy of tum - Doctor at the beginning of Dennis Poner's Karnoke Mr Feeld, I am now going to insert this soft tube into your rec-

I changed over half-way through to watch the snooker - Mary Whitehouse, veteran TV clean-up campaigner and Potter foc gesticulating at a Markester Whitehouse, veteran TV clean-up campaigner and Potter for United player (report May). I make a state of the legal systems able to cope with the workload which will follow his precedent. I await a visit from the authorides while asking for 3,264 similar offences to be taken into copsideration.

s, yes, yes, it is coming. No one can hide the sun with his fingers asser Arafat, PLO president, on the prospect of a Pukstinian state u can't go in there, it's a restricted area – Rivers Howgill, dury rager at the Royal Albert Hall, as the building's two female ghosts appeared into the kitchens



The angry shopkeeper

We should not underestimate the political ambition of the Harrods boss, says Chris Blackhurst

There are two sides to Mohamed al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods. There is the smiling, cuddly, favourite uocle figure who poses for shots at the opening of the store's sale. He looks like the cat who has got the cream, the man who owns the most famous store in Britain and possibly the world, who mixes with the Queen at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, which

In private, friends and visitors are treated to a quite different display. His language drops several notches until what is heard is a stream of expletives. Often he can he very funny, in a blokish, familiar sort of way. Comments about sex and the size of the male organ are a speciality.

But oever far away, and increasingly apparent in receot months, is a smouldering anger, Mention the Government or certain ministers or Tory MPs and he erupts in fury. Once, his hatred was more or less solely directed against Roland "Tiny" Rowland, the steely former Lonrho boss who fought him for years for control of Harrods. Now Tiny has gooe - they shook hands, finally, in October 1993, under the stuffed shark with "Tiny" painted on its belly hanging from the roof of the Harrods Food Hall, Fayed's old adversary has been replaced by new enemies, whom he once sought as his friends.

His loathing for them goes much deeper than it ever did for Mr Rowland. Then, they were business tivals, sparring partners, who probably secretly relished a good scrap.

This is different: this is personal. It is all about, as he sees it, a for eigner who genuinely likes this country and wants to do some good here, who has been done down by the Government, by the establishment. It is about snobbery and acceptance, about powerful

people closing ranks, about racism. Al-Fayed, the hig-time businessman, has discovered what it is like to be the little man. That cruel learning process, say his friends, has forced him to think seriously

about forming a political party.

The idea appeals to him, but not, to his immense credit, out of personal vanity. The manifesto drafted by his office contains not a hint of personal self-aggrandisement. It is a remarkable document, almost red, and most definitely Liberal Demo-

crat orange, in tone and content.
Uotil the Independent reported
his intention last week, his talk was known only to a handful of his courtiers. Some could not take it seriously, believing a political party to be another of those wacky ideas he chucks out from time to time. Others counselled cantion, to feel your way, start a think-tank, then

see if you can go further.
Still others detected a desperate seriousness. In recent months, they have seen him rebuffed in his attempt to acquire citizenship for himself and his brother Ali, and fail, miserably, in acquiring a national newspaper. Yesterday, he received some solace by paying £3m for Vival, the troubled radio station aimed at women.

For anyone who knows him, Vival, with an audience of just 500 at times, and Punch, also part of his new Liberty Publishing media ven-ture, will not be enough. Constantly, he talks of "****ing" the Govern-ment, of sorting the country out, of helping the man in the street. He wants to introduce a Bill of

Rights, a Freedom of Information



A good mbt? In public al-Fayed is the favourite uncle, in private another man emerges. Peter Macdiamid

and holds numerous Royal War-rants. "Mohamed al-Payed has had a 10-year crash course in British injustice," said one of his aides.
"He came here with a starry-eyed view of Britain, which has been completely dashed. He suffers from disillusionment, not just at his own treatment but at the system he has witnessed at close hand."

He suffers disillusionment, at his own treatment and at the system

an elected second chamber, nationafisation of the utilities, a slimmeddown Scandinavian style monar-thy. The National Lottery, described as a tax on the poor in his four-page programme, would go.
This, from someone who owns, in addition to Harrods, the Ritz in Paris, the former Duke of Wind-

sor's house in France, a castle in

Scotland and an estate in Surrey

comse: Tiny sells his shares in House of Fraser, Harrods' parent; Mohamed buys the whole company, to Tmy's anguish; Tmy begins a relentless campaign to get the takeover overturned by the Government; Department of Trade and Industry inspectors report that Mohamed fied about the source of his wealth and misrepresented his family roots as being in a great trading dynasty, strenuous efforts to get that report shelved come to nought, despite intensive wooing of Tory ministers, MPs and journalists, including putting them up at the Ritz; Mohamed saves the pound by persuading his friend, the Sultan of Brunei, oot to switch into dollars; Mohamed gives millions to charity yet he still cannot acquire a British

Surrounded by his faithful retainers in Knightshridge, recently strengthened by the addition of Stewart Steven, the former editor of the Londoo Evening Standard, that the inspectors were appointed to appease Lourho, because ministers feared that the Observer. which Lonrho owned, would attack Mark Thatcher in the run-up to the 1987 general election. When the inspectors met, the Fayed side claims, his evidence was virtually ignored. Then, their report was leaked and the leak traced to Scotland Yard, yet oobody was ever prosecuted. "Mohamed can oever understand what has happened to him," says a member of his circle.

There is, of course, another side to all this. Beginning with the war with Lonrho, he has used dirty tactics. A man who oever gives up, his aggression and sheer persistence can be more off-putting than effec-tive. He employs a small army of security meo and a battery of lawyers. His reign at Harrods has been characterised by a revolving door of senior executives. He is

extremely litigious.
The idea of reforming the country may appeal but his English is poor and he is oot exactly surrounded by political heavyweights. underestimate him. "His fundamental mistake was saying his origins were greater than they were," said a close friend, "but he still has the instincts of those origins. He may be vulgar but he has the commoo

The day the report of his wish to form a new party appeared, my taxi driver was lapping it up. "All the cabbies are behind Goldsmith but if he wants to do it, they might switch to him." His English may be poor but he speaks their language.

Did the assassin kill Israel's peace process?

The cost of Rabin's death is still being counted, says David Horovitz

Yigal Amir darted up behind Yitzhak Rabin and fired from point-blank range into the prime minister's back, wound-ing him fatally as he left a rally dedicated to rooting out violence from Israeli society.

If there was a crumb of com-

fort, it lay in the assumption that the peace process would not die with the prime minister. that his long-time rival-turned-partner, Shimon Peres, could step smoothly into the hreach.

The safest way for Mr Peres to have ensured the continued backing of a majority of his countryfolk would have been to have called a general election immediately. Opinion polls showed 60 per cent of Israelis ready to put aside any reservations over the accords with the Palestinians and vote for him, if only, in many cases, to disso-ciate themselves from the right-wing vitriol that had led to the

But, amious oot to plunge a shaken Israel into the further instability of a bitter campaign. Mr Peres eschewed the easy option. Since then, that 60 percent support has dwindled dipping lower each time Islamic extremists managed to smuggle a suicide homber oo to an Israeli bus – to the point where his lead over the only other prime ministerial candidate, the Likud's Benjamin Netanyahu, is now only about 5 per ceot. So while Mr Amir failed in

his murderous bid to put an immediate halt to the peace process, he may yet turn out to have started a series of events that leads to the same conclusioo. For, in removing Mr Rabin, the assassin deprived Israel of the leader best qualified to persuade the electorate of the viability of coexistence, a man whose peerless military record gave across the oorthern border, him unique credibility wheo advancing policies involving territorial compromise. Mr Peres badly lacks that credibility, lacks the centrist appeal that helped Mr Rabin to power in 1992, lacks his predecessor's phassailable self-confidence.

And if Mr Peres loses the election he has called for 29 May, and Mr Netanyahu takes over, there is every reason to believe that the peace process will come to a shuddering halt. For while Mr Netanyahu is a fickle politician, prepared to tailor his policies to fit the oational mood, his cabinet

Exactly six mooths ago, on the night of Saturday, 4 November, the lithe figure of Eitan, the former chief of staff who says no peace treaty with an Arab state is worth the paper it's printed on, Ariel Sharon, the former defence Israel's misguided 1982 inva-sion of Lebanon, and possibly even Rehavam Ze'evi, another former ex-military man who advocates the "voluntary transfer" of Palestinians from the West Bank to an unspecified destination elsewhere in the

Arab world. Mr Peres has so far fought a lacklustre election campaign -apparently relying on Presideot Clinton's fulsome endorsement to win over voters – and is still struggling to shed the reputa-tion of a loser, having failed oo four occasions in the Seventies

Mr Peres badly lacks the centrist appeal that helped Mr Rabin to power

and Eighties to wio the prime

ministership outright.
Worse still, Mr Peres's recent "Operation Grapes of Wrath" bombardmeot of Lebanoo seems likely to cost him what would have been rock-solid support among Israel's 800,000-strong Arab community. And his determination to press ahead with the Israeli army's ahead with the Israeli army's immineot withdrawal from Hebron will alienate potential voters from the Orthodox Jewish community for whom the West Bank city, as the burial place of the biblical patriarchs, has particular significance.

Another wave of suicide bombings, or the resumption of Hizbollah Katyusha rocket fire hlow to Mr Peres's re-election

A few days after the assassination, Mr Peres pledged that he would win the 1996 elections "for your sake, Yitzhak". But when the polling stations close on 29 May, it may be Yigal Amir who feels the satisfaction of a mission accomplished.

The writer is the editor of the new biography, Yitzhak Rabin: Sol-dier of Peace, written by the staff of the Terusalem Report' news gazine, published in the UK

Thou shalt love thy natural parents

Why return a Zulu child to a mother whose language he does not speak, asks Polly Toynbee

A last mioute attempt to win a reprieve for a 10-year-old Zulu boy failed in court yesterday. Against his will, the boy, known as M, was torn from the arms of his foster mother yesterday afternoon and handed over to his oatural mother. She will be taking him to Brakpan, a township outside Johannesburg where he has never lived, to be with parents he cannot understand as he speaks no Zulu. Mrs S, his foster mother, was too distraught to speak yesterday evening.

Yesterday morning the President of the European Commission on Human Rights requested the British government not to send the boy back until they had considered the case. But the Attorney-General refused and was backed by the Court of Appeal. Allan Levy QC. appearing for the boy's foster mother, pointed out to the court that all previous requests from Strasbourg to the government had always been acceded to. This refusal set a

This has been one of the saddest and most shameful cases, flying in the face of the spirit of the 1989 Childreo Act. The boy was the illegitimate son of the Zulu housekeeper of Mrs S, an Afrikaaner woman. From the age of 18 months Mrs 5 fostered him, and when she moved to Londoo the boy's natural mother signed a paper releas-ing him. Mrs S, now widowed, lives on social security in Maido Vale with her daughters and M, who is exceptionally bright, is due to take an assisted

place at a top private school.

The boy's natural father turned up again. He and the boy's mother married and then claimed they always expected M to be sent back after five years. They have sold their story for sizeable sums to the South African press and South African airways flew them over for free for the case. It has become a cause célèbre, stirring national pride and dark national memories of apartheid - an Afrikaaner white woman who has stolen" her servant's boy.



The Appeal Court has unprecedentedly refused a request from the European Commission on Human Rights

This week the House of Lords refused to hear Mrs S's appeal. In court the child's wishes were represented by the Official Solicitor: "We made very clear the child's wishes to stay in Britain with Mrs S. It is musual for a court to go against such firmly expressed wishes of a child,"

they say.
The Childreo Act demands that a child's welfare is paramount. It says a child's "views, wishes and feelings" should be taken very seriously. But the Courts claimed they were acting in the child's hest interests in returning him to his Zulu roots. A child's own wishes are not necessarily the same as his long-term hest interests. All through this case, the judges have been careful to clothe their words in the language of the Children Act, but have utterly ignored the principle at the heart of it.

The progress of this case has aston-ished the lawyers involved, all acting pro bono without payment. The distinguished child psychiatrist called in evidence and the Official Solicitor have all been ignored. The European Commission and possibly the Court will still hear the case and decide whether the human rights of the child and his foster mother have been breached.

The case raises a multitude of questions. Firstly, does a 10-year-old boy know what is best for him? In many ways, of course, he does oot. He needs to be made to wash, brush his teeth, eat his greeos, do his homework and go to bed at a rea-sonable hour. These things he will probably oot do unless an adult

keeps on his case. These are, it must be said, small with But there was no question of matters. On the big issues in his life Mrs S's suitability and the judges

he is almost always the only person who does know what should happen, and no one else can tell him. Only he knows whom he loves. Only he knows where he belongs. Who else can come along and tell him these things? The answer is, the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords. Thou shalt love whom we order you to love, they say. They order him to love hiological parents he can oo longer speak to and to "return" to a family he cannot remember living with. Only Dickens's pen could do justice to such callous disregard of a child's feelings.
Sadly, sometimes a child wants to

live with a parent so deeply unsuitable that the courts are forced to intervene. Childreo do sometimes love parents too hopelessly deranged, depressed, vicked or subnormal to be safe to live

made a point of praising her. Bizarrely, the judges admitted that wrenching him away will be deeply and permanently damaging.

But racial roots, it seems, matter

more than psychology. This modern mania for putting ethnic origin above all other emotional considerations has become a warped form of racism. defining children by their race and ignoring their other needs and wishes.
This is atavistic socio-biological thinking - putting the animal back into the
wild, the hird back in its nest. Maybe it would be better if the child had never been taken from his mother (though maybe oot). But that is oow history. He is a human, not an animal, and he knows where he belongs bet-

ter than the judges.
Uoderlying this case is another atavism - treating children as the chat-tels of their biological pareots. Although the judges were careful to avoid saying so, the only sense that can be made of their ruling is that the boy beloogs to his birth parents and so it is best for him to be where he

One further piece of political cor-rectness has infected the judiciary. The poor black family who can offer little to the boy - virtually oo education or future - is set against a middle-class (albeit down on her luck)
white woman in Maida Vale, who is good at getting her children into pub-lic schools. Rich London should not be allowed to steal the children of poor Africa. This child is paying the price of our guilt about apartheid and

But if a child who wants to stay with a foster parent he loves, in a richer safer place with every opportunity is oot allowed to do so, how has his welfare been treated as "paramount" Time and again the ment of the Childreo Act is cast aside in favour of other cult agendas. When will children's voices ever be heard above the din of adults' demands?

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(What Doctors Don't Tell You) IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME? **Helpful Advice From** Dr Vernon Coleman

If you suffer from Irritable Bowel Syndrome you will know only too well how this painful disorder can ruin your life. I used to suffer terribly from IBS, and had all the usual symptoms (pain, wind etc) but conquered the problem using a simple, two-step control programme. Since then my symptoms have virtually disappeared and the quality of my life has improved beyond measure. Now you can share the information that gave me back a normal life. I have produced a book called "Relief from IBS" that explains the methods I used to solve my IBS problem. The advice is written in an easy-to-follow style and includes a series of simple, practical guidelines designed to help you deal with your IBS in the same way that I dealt with mine. The topics covered include

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The death of the cminent, controversial and highly accom-plished Palestinian writer Emile Habihi could not have come at a worse moment, when anti-Israeli feeling in the Arab world is at its height following the illfated "grapes of wrath" military campaign, trony, the main feature of Hahihi's narrative and drama, left its mark on his life and his death. As a writer who devoted the last 15 or so years of bis life to the promotion of peace with Israel, and tirelessly campaigned for its acceptance among reluctant Arab readers and intellectuals, he died only one day after the mass funeral of the 102 Lebanese civilian victims of the Israeli massacre in

Hahibi was the only Palestinian Arah to win the highest literary honours from both the PLO and Israel. Yasser Arafat bestowed on him the illustrious Al-Quds Prize, for his role in furthering the cause of Palestinian literature. In 1992, the Israeli prime minister. Yitzhak Sbamir, awarded him the Israel Prize for his role in promoting tolerance and mutual understanding through his writing. Habibi deserved both prizes, but his winning the latter raised wide controversy both in the Arah world and in Israel. It was denounced by right-wing Israelis wbo were antagonistic to giving an Arah writer Israel's most prestigious literary prize. At the same time, Arab intellectuals, including the Palesunian writers in the Diaspora. castigated bim for accepting a a secular, democratic, multiprize from a state whose hands were tainted with the blood of the Palestinian children. In the face of strong opposition and widespread criticism. Habihi accepted the prize, but donated its US\$8,000 to a charity working with the wounded child victims of the intifado.

1922 to a Christian Orthodox middle-class family. After obtaining his haccalaureate in the quest for an Arab identity

refinery while studying by cor-respondence for a London University degree in petroleum engineering. In 1942 he aban-doned his study to work as a news announcer for the Pales-Unian broadcasting station in

From the outset of his publie career, Habibi was a lone voice calling, in 1949, for the ac-ceptance of the UN plan for the division of Palestine into an Arab and a Jewish state, a plan that was unanimously rejected by all Arab governments. Soon after the creation of Israel, he became a political activist fur the cause of Palestinians and the founder and leader of the League of Liberation of Pales-tine, which eventually became the Israeli Communist Party, Rakah, For a long time, Rakah was the only political party in Is-rael with a mixed membership of Arabs and Jews.

In 1952, Habibi, by far the most active Arah member in Rakah, was elected to the Knesset, a seat he held for 20 years. As a parliamentary politician, be devoted his energy to the po-lineal struggle of the Palestinian people who stayed behind after the creation of the state of Israel on their land. He defended their legal, political and human rights, and above all devoted most of his active life to the articulation of their cause. In the 1950s, he became the

chief editor of Rakah's Arabic language newspaper, al-Ittihad ("The Union"), which called for the unity of Arabs and Jews in ethnic state in Palestine. Under his editorship, it promoted the cause of the Palestinian Arabs and encouraged them to express their identity and maintain their cultural tradition. It was in ni-Ittihad and its literary monthly supplement, al-Jadid, that the new Palestinian poetry of re-Habibi was born in Haifa in sistance emerged in the late 122 to a Christian Orthodox 1950s and early 1960s, articulating a strong sense of hope and 1939, be worked in Haifa's oil among Palestinians in Israel.



bi: a major force in the development of the Arabic novel

Unlike most Palestinian writers, Emile Habibi started writing late in life. He began almost as a challenge to a statement made, after the Arab defeat of 1967, by the late Yigal Allon, a leading Israel politician, who told him that the Palestinians did not exist any longer, for if they did they would have produced their own literature. Literature was seen as a proof of existence and a document of national identity. Habibi was then in his mid-forties and the denial of the existence of Palestinians, common at the time in Zionist

circles, prompted him to wing optimism into hitter sarcasm and biting humour which document their survival. Unlike the majority of con- he channelled into his first littemporary Palestinian writers erary work, Sudasiyyar al-Ayyam Unlike most short-story cycles

who emerged from the refugee camps and thus had little or no experience of Palestine before Habibi rejects the outcome of the war and posits an alternative to the official account, using narrative as a means of subverting the prevalent order and warding off the nightmare ation of Israel, thus sustaining of reality. The Sextet is a unique work of narrative using the form of the short-story cycle to present a panoramic view of the contradictions of the war and its ironic impact on the Palestinians. Each piece is structurally The devastating shock of the 1967 war turned Habiby's leftautonomous and can be read as an independent story, but the subtle link between the pieces offers the work its unity, inter-

nal cohesion and dynamism.

ai-Sittah ("The Sextet of the Six which are linked through a Day War". 1968]. In this work, character, a place or an event, the link generating the structural unity of the Sextet is that of identity, impact, shock and irony. The Palestinian dream of "return" is accomplished, but only ironically when the rest of the Pakestinian land falls under Isracli occupation.

Structural irony is also at the cure of his second and most famous novel, Al-Waqa'i nl-Gharibah fi Ikhtifa' Sa'id Abi-l-Nahs al-Mutasha'll (known in English under its short title. The Pess-Optimist, 1974). In this novel, which was translated into 16 languages, the theme of the immediate sheek of the 1967 war recedes into the back-

ist attempts to eradicate their identity comes to the fore. The Pess-Optimist uses a fine misture of Sterne's ironic and reflexive narrative in Tristram Shandy and the humorous Arabic anecdotal narrative in telling the story of the Palestinians of Habibi's generation. It consists of three parts, each devoted to a major phase in the recent history of Patestine and entitled with the name of a woman who is both the beloved of the hero and a symbol of Palestine. The first. "Yu'ad", represents the early period before the loss of Pales-tine in 1948; the second, Baqiyah", embodies the spirit of the Palestinian resistance to the eradication of their na-tional identity after the creation of the state of Israel; and the third, "Yu'ad al-Thaniyah", sig-ulfies the new stage of the Palestinian consciousness which emerged after 1967 and the armed Palestinian resistance.

The inevitability of resistance is the main theme of the novel, which articulates the impossibility of collaboration, for no matter how subservient and accepting the Palestinian becomes the only fate for him in Israel is oppression and anni-hilation. Resistance is used in the novel in its widest sense; it is not confined to overt acts of defiance, for every measure that preserves the Palestinian presence, identity and culture is an act of resistance, even if it appears as a form of submission and capitulation. In this respect the novel foreshadowed the Palestinian intifada long

before it took place. Unlike most novels, The Pess-Optimist is full of footnotes creating a secondary text which serves as the cultural context of the novel and roots every aspect of the narrative in the histurical and geographical reality of Palestine. The detailed information provided in these notes generates an elaborate internal

ground and the survivat of counter-argument against any Palestinians in the face of Zion-denial of the existence of Palestine and its identily.

The consolidation of this identity and the preservation of its cultural and oral history seems to be at the heart of Habiby's literary project. It perme-ates his plays. Luka' Ibn Luka' ("Luka the son of Luka", 1979) and Umm al-Rubabikia ("The Pedlar Woman", 1992), and novels, Ikhtiyrah (1985) and Saraya Bint al-Ghul ("Saraya the Ogre's Daughter", 1992). In these two novels the textual space becomes an arena for the inscription of what one min call the intrastructure of Palestinian identity; its history, geography, oral tradition, folk culture, popular lore concerning agriculture and weather, anecdotes, pro-verbs and even fragments of its written literature. The collective culture is inscribed as much in the realistic account uf daily events as in the flight into fantasy and imagination. Beneath the deformed narrative space of present-day Israel the author invokes through a powerful nostalgia the sucrosanct Palestine around every corner and behind

every street-name.
The writing of Habibi never failed to generate interest and controversy both in the Arah world and among Palestinians and Israelis alike. He was one of the major forces in the development of the Arabic novel and provided it with some of its most interesting experimental work. The strength of contro-versy raised by his work and political views throughout his career and the heated discussion it generated is a testimony to Habibi's lasting importance as a prominent literary figure and a symbol of Palestinian identity. Through these debates he succeeded in putting the Palestinian question firmly on the literary agenda.

Emile Habibi, writer: born Haifu 29 August 1922: married (two memory, which serve as a sonst; died Nazureth 2 May 1996.

Mike Leander

Mike Leander stamped his dis- alising the financial potential in tinctive arrangement and production style on British popular record companies, persuaded music in the Sixties, his influ- me to finance the making of ence continuing through the such a recording. Leander Seventies with the creation of arranged and produced the the glam rock star Gary Glitter, record which was duly leased to and into the Eighties as the Decca Records, sadily for no adwriter of the West End musical

Mike Leander was horn expected. It flopped but, as a re-Michael Farr in 1941 in Walthamstow, east London. He contract as an arranger; not bad woo a scholarship to Bancroft's for someooe who, at that time, school in Woodford Green, Es- was still teaching himself to read sex, where he boarded from and write music. 1952 until 1959. His consuming be represented the school at all levels, and music of all kinds. At Sunday classical music evenings in the library, which met with He found time to study orter, and formed a skittle group, lege of Music and, with his which didn't.

be gave it up and found a joh as office junior in a small music publishing company. He had soon discovered a singer Stones, Cliff Richard, Billy and written some songs and, re- Fury, Marianne Faithfull, Marc

leasing finished recordings to vance and a rather lower royalty rate than had heen

His foot was on the first interests were cricket, at which rung of a ladder, to the top of which he climbed in record time. An intelligent deep school be regularly attended thinker, he knew what he wanted and how to make it happen. the approval of his housemas- chestration at the Trinity Colunshakeable belief in his own He studied law, more to ap- ability, created a classical-pop pease his elders than through any innate desire, but the lure Sixties which quickly estabof the music husiness was too lisbed him as a major influence strong and, after less than a year, on the popular music of the time. In the early Sixties he arranged and in many cases produced records by the Rolling

Bolan, the Small Faces, Joe Cocker, Van Morrison, Alan Price, Shirley Bassey, Lulu, Jimmy Page, Roy Orbison and

Gene Pitney. His influence on British pop-ular music did not go unnoticed in America, and in 1964 Atlantic Records brought him to the United States to work with the legeodary Ben E. King and the Drifters, where he had an immediate No 1 in the Billboard Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice concept album Jesus Christ Superwalk". During a period in which he also wrote "Lady Godiva" for album of Godspell and an album Peter and Gordon and "I've of Rupert Brooke poems read Been a Bad Bad Boy" and by Sir John Gielgud; and com-"High Time" for Paul Jones, the arrangement he was most proud of was for "She's Leaving Home" on the Beatles'

commanding and respected figure in and out of the recording studio, he was not only a leading contributor to the music of the Sixties he was a leading light on the swinging social scene. He was a celebrity and loved to celebrate. Whether a record reached No 1 or No 31 it was still worth a table for 12 at the Arethusa, and the fact that in

some cases the restaurant hill

would exceed the aggregate of led to his instigation of the glam royalties to come was of little concern to Leander.

In the latter part of the Six-

the establishment of the Jewish

state. Habibi bad spent his

childhood in the Palestine of the

British Mandate, and remained

in his native city after the cre-

the continuity of the Palestin-

ian experience. This provided

him with the unique position of

representing the continuity of

the Palestinian experience in

modern Arabic literature.

ties, he signed a six-figure contract with MCA Records as n writer and producer. He produced and arranged hits for several MCA artists; recorded an album, Migration, with the Mike Leander Orchestra, was execposed the music for several films, including Privilege and Run a Crooked Mile. In the early Seventies his writing part-Sergeant Pepper album in 1967. nership with me (we were old Stylish and charismatic, a schoolfriends) produced world-mmanding and respected fig. wide bits for Englehert Humperdinck, Cliff Richard and Vanity Fair, whose song "Early in the Morning" re-ceived a BMI award for exceeding one million broadcast performances in the United

> States. In 1972 Leander's love of rock'n'roll music and his belief in the stagecraft of a hitherto unsuccessful rocker, Paul Gadd,

rock movement when he created the music and persona of Gary Glitter. Apart from writing, arranging and producing 11 consecutive Top Teo hits for Gary, including three Number Ones, Leander played all the instruments on the records except the brass. The unique drum and guitar sounds on these records were the envy of many subsequeot imitators, none of whom could quite achieve the distinctive quality of Leander's originals. Another 10 hits followed, featuring either Gary or the Glitter Band, and Leander received an Ivor Novello Award and a Certificate of Honour for Services to British Popular

Music. · From the late Seventies Leander shared his time between London and Majorca. He bad a great love of Spain and all things Spanisb and in conceived the idea for a musical based on the bullfighter El Cordobes, called Manador, which we start-'ed writing in 1983. He produced a concept alhum of the show in 1987 which included the hit single "A Boy From Nowbere" by Tom Jones. Acclaimed produc-

tions of the show followed in



Leander, left, at his wedding to Penelope Carter In 1974. Gary Glitter, right, was best man

and a long time ambidon of Leander's was fulfilled in 1991 when Matador opened at the Queen's Theatre in the West End of London. It ran for four months, winning a Laurence Olivier Award for Best Choreography. Plans are in place for further productions in four theatres in America in 1997.

Outside music, Mike Leander's great passion was cricket. with that talent. He made an April 1996.

Chicago and Miami in 1989/90 In his later, lazier days, he con- enormous contribution to the sidered carrying his bat for 19 to be most satisfactory, despite perhaps running out three or four members of his team in the process. He was a proud member of the MCC and loved nothing more than watching a test match from the balcony of

the Pavilioo Bar. Mike Leander was not only

world of music and was a great influence on the lives of many people inside and outside the music husiness.

Edward Scago Michael Farr (Mike Leander). songwriter, record producer, arranger: born London 30 June 1941; married 1974 Penny Carter hugely talented but generous (two sons); died London 18

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

GRILLERe On 26 April, Honor Eliza-beth, beloved mother of Catherine Pinner and Arnold Giller. Funeral ser-vice at Mortalake Crematorium on Fri-day 10 May at 1.15pm. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Martoes Road, London W8, talephone 0171-937 0757.

IN MEMORIAM

BORTHWICK: Plorence Borthwick (nee Cronin), died 4 May 1993, No flower, no words. Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS.

MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births. Adoptions, Marriages, Deaths, Memo-rial services, Wedding auniversaries, In Memoriam) should be sent in writing Memoriam) should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor. The Independent. I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 SDL, telephoned to 0171-293 2011 124-hour answering machine 0171-293 2012, or faxed to 071-293 2050, and are charged at £6.50 a line (VAT extra). OTHER Gazette 88nonnements (notices, functions, Forth-coming marriages, Marriages) must be submitted in writing (or fazed) and are charged at £10 a line, VAT extra. They should be accompanied by a daytime telephone number.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS Princess Michael of Kent tomorrow pre-sents the prizes at the Badminton Horse thals.

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Changing of the Guard Changing of the Guard
TODAY: The Household Cavalry Mountof Regiment mounts the Oucen's Life
Ouard at Horse Guards, [1 am: 1st Battailon Irish Guards mounts the Oucen's
Guard, at Bockingham Palace, [1 J. Mom,
band provided by the Scots Guards,
TOMORROW: The Household Cavalry
Mounted Regiment mounts the Oucen's
Life Guard at Borse Guards, [10m: Niimegen Company Grenadier Guards
nounts the Oucen's Guard, at Backinghom Palace, [1 J. Ourn, band provided by the
Welsh Guards.

Marriages

Mr H. W. L Thomas and Mrs E. Cotterill The marriage took place on Friday 3 May, at Braemar and afterwards Cortour, between Hugh Thomas and Elisabeth Couerill.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Frith Banbury, theatri-cal director, 84; The Rev Professor Charles Barrett, theologian, 79; Mr Michael Barrymore, entertainer, 44; Michael Barrymore, entertainer, 44; The Right Rev David Farmbrough, former Bishop of Bedford, 67; Sir Stephen Hastings, former MP, 75; Mr Robert Hendrie, ambassador to Uruguny, 58; Sir David Hildyard, for-mer diplomat, 80; Mr Brian Innes, jazz musician. 67; Sir Charles Irving, former MP, 73; Mrs Jane Kennedy ARI 39; The Hors Sir Mark Lennyr. former MP, 73; Mrs Jane Kennedy MP, 38; The Hon Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd MP, 53; Mr Martyn Moxon, cricketer, 36; Mr Muhammad Hos-m Muharuk, president of Egypt, 68; Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice-chairman of Times Newspapers, 84; Miss Liz Robertson, actress and singer, 42:Professor Marisa Robles, harpist, 59; Mr Gennadi Rozhdesharpist, 59; Mr Gennadi Rozhdes-tvensky, conductor, 65; Mr Edwin Russell, sculptor, 57; Mr Alexander Schouvaloff, former Curator, Theatre Museum, 62; Professor Robin Sibson, Vice-Chancellor, Uni-versity of Kent, 52; Sir Norman Sid-dall, mining engineer, 78; Lord Stoddart of Swindon, former gov-ernment minister, 70; Mr Eric Sykes, comedian, 73; Miss Gillian Tindall, biographer, novelist and historian, 58; biographer, novelist and historian, 58; Mr John Watson, racing driver, 50; Professor Basil Yamey, economist, 77.

TOMORROW: Sir Michael Angus, chairman, Whitbread, 66; Mr Vivian Anthony, Secretary, Headmasters' Conference, 58; Mr Grahame Clinton, cricketer. 43; Mrs Elizabeth Conran. Curator, the Bowes Muse-um, Barnard Castle, 54; Miss Jean Conston MP, 54; Sir Alan Donald, former diplomat, 65; Miss Alice Faye, film actress and singer, 81; Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke QC, former

MP, 82: Mrs Joanna Foster, director, BT Forum, 57; Sir Victor Garland, former Australian High Commis-sioner, 62; General Sir Charles Har-ington, 8c; Sir Brian Hayes, former senior civil servant, 67; Mr Vermon Mann, television journalist, 51; Mr John Maxton MP, 60; Mr Michael Palin, comedian and actor, 53; Lady Plowden, former chairman, IBA, 86; Mr Barry Reed, chairman, Austin oc, in barty Reed, charman, Austn Reed Group, 65; Mr Roger Rees, ac-tor and playwright, 52; Mr James Stevens, composer, 66; Miss Dilys Watling, actress, 50; Mr Jonathan Weeks, managing director, Wool-worth, 58; The Right Rev Gordon Wheeler, Roman Catholic Bishop Emeritus of Leeds, 86; Mr John Whitaker, cricketer, 34; Professor Sir Glanmor Williams, former Chairman. Ancient Monuments Board (Wales), 76; Miss Tammy Wynette, singer, 54; Mr Gerard Young, former Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorks, 86.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Sir Thomas Lawrence, portrait painter, 1769; William Hickling Prescott, historian, 1796; Joseph Whitaker, publisher of Whitaker's Almanack, 1829; Thomas Henry Huxley, biologist and natural historian, 1825; John Hanning Speke, discoverer of the source of the Nile, 1827; Alice Liddell, the original of Alice in Wonderland, 1852; Es-telle Sylvia Pankhurst, artist and feminist, 1882: Israet Moses Sieff, Baron Sieff, president of Marks and Spencer, 1889; Sir Archibald Hector McIndoc, plastic surgeon, 1900; Audrey Hepburn, actress, 1929. Deaths: Sir Francis Osbert Sacheverell Sitwell Bt. author, 1969; Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, 1980; Diana Dors (Fluck), actress, 1984. On this day: the Lancastrians were defeated by the Yorkists at the Battle of Tewkesbury, 1471; the first Derby was run at Epsom (and won by Diomed). 1780; the Cunard shipping line was founded, 1839; Natal was proclaimed a British colony, 1843; the Maoris re-belled against the British in New

Zealand, 1863; the Daily Mail was first published, price one halfpenny. 1896; work on excavating the Pana-ma Canal began, 1904; the General Strike in Britain began, 1926; "Waltz-ing Matilda" became the mational anthem of Australia, 1976; Mrs Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first woman Prime Minister, 1979. Today is the Feast Day of St Augustine Webster, St Cyriacus or Judas Quiri acus, Si Florian of Lorch, St Gothard or Godehard, St John Houghton, St Petagia of Tarsus, St Robert Lawrence, St Richard Reynolds and St Venerius of Milan.

TOMORROW: Births: Søren Aaby

Kierkegaard, philosopher, 1813; Heinrich Karl Marz, author and socialist, 1818; Henryk Sienkiewicz, novelist, author of *Quo Vadis?*, 1846; Archibald Percival Wavell, first Earl wavell, soldier, 1883; Christophe Darlington Morley, novelist and playwright, 1890; Sir Gordon Richards, jockey, 1904. Deaths: Napoteon 1 (Napoleone Buonaparte). Emperor of France, 1821; Beatrice Harraden, novelist, 1936; James Branch Cabell, novelist, 1958. On this day: excavation of the Corinth Canal in Greece began, 1382; Amy Johnson began a solo flight to Australia, 1930; the Council of Europe was set up in London, 1949; Major Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet cosmonaut, orbited the earth, 1961. Today is the Feast Day of St Angelo. St Avertinus, St Hilary of Arles, St Hilary of Galeata, St John Haile, St Jutta and St Maurunitus,

Lectures

TODAY National Gallery: Julia Tozer, "May Flowers (i): Redon, Ophelia Among the Flowers", 12pm. National Portrait Gallery: Alfred Bradley and Susan Morris, "Cather-ine Macaulay, historian", 3pm.

TOMORROW Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury,

"Naum Gabo: spatial sculpture".

In France they are celebrating the 400th anniversary of the birth of Descartes, "the founder of modern philosophy". It is true that Descartes is the most influential of

that Descartes is the most influential of the modern philosophers but his influence has been disastrous. This is because, as Bertrand Russell said, "It was Descartes who founded modern philosophy by demonstrating that it is subjective things which are the most certain.

Descartes famously began by enquiring whether there is any knowledge so certain that no reasonable person can doubt it. And his celebrated answer to this central question was to say that at least he could not doubt that he doubted; and if be doubts then he must think; and if he thinks he must exist. Cogito, ergo sum. What could

be more reasonable than that? What could be sillier? Descartes' conclusion is absurd, though it took Wittgenstein to demonstrate this. When Descartes says, "I think therefore I am". he must be using a language. But a private language - one that is spoken and understood by only one person - is a contradiction in terms. The concept of meaning is a public concept. And language is a public

phenomenon. But the Cogito was only the bottom of the garden path so to speak. The tradi-tion of subjectivism and transcendental egotism based on Descartes' philosopby has been perpetuated over four centuries, corrupting not only our epistemology but our moral thought and social understanding. Descartes "cogio" had a thoroughly technical meaning that was nei-ther "thinking" nor "feeling"; a better translation might be, "Something is doubt-ing that anything exists. Therefore some-thing exists. But this would not fit so well on a T-shirt; and as his influence grew, "cogito" changed to mean something like: "I feel, therefore I am real."

Peter Mullen is in no mood to celebrate the quatercentenary of the birth of René Descartes.

Descartes was absurd and wrong, he argues; our identity has its origin in objective values.

In this form, Cartesian subjectivism was consolidated by Rousseau and the Romantic Movements. Its religious expression was found in such as Wesley whose criterion for redemption was to have one's individual heart "strangely warmed" - an ominous pre-echo of the nauseating consumerist revivalism of our own times which advertises Jesus Christ as my personal saviour, as if the dynamics of the forgiveness of sins were the business of insurance companies.

The "t" in "I think therefore I am" is a tyrant. This romantic individual is not only the demonic artist of 19th-century concert platforms and countless embarrassing Hollywood movies about artistic geniuses: he is also the supposedly om-

niscient personality inside each one of us. Descartes' faulty epistemotogy lies be-hind the mural relativism which plagues modern societies and renders impotent all efforts at ethical consensus. It is not even as though Descartes had delivered to us an unpalatable truth - that the individual personality is sovereign and we must somehow learn as a society to cope with this fact. For the individual constructed on Descartes' model and subsequeouty

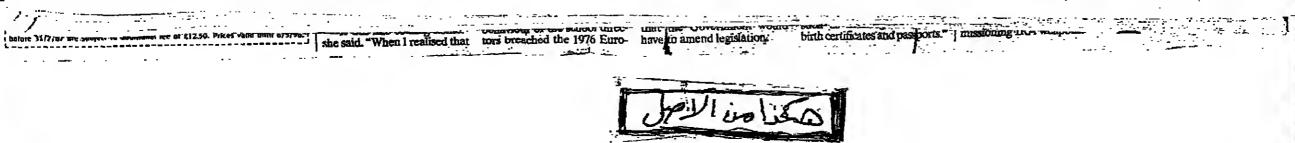
'I' is a tyrant. You are what you eat

There is another slogan, one that may be trusted: you are what you eat. But we have failed to understand that this truth applies not only to the body hut to the mind and morals. The subjectivist view that everyone's opinion is equally valid leads to the relativism which claims that the Sex Pistols are as good as Bach. This is a judgement which could only be made by one who had imhibed the culture of the Sex Pistols hut not the culture of Bach.

Once the individual has been accepted as an indivisible, unchallengable whole, set apart from everything else in the world, we lose the ability to judge between individual preferences. We must rediscover the pre-Cartesian knowledge that tradi-tion preserves objective beliefs which are more certain than our poor subjectivities. It is futile to say that everyone bas a right to their own opinions, as if this means that all opinions, however unschooled and illconsidered, are equally likely to express

the truth. We are what we eat. We form our judgements out of the stuff of which we are constituted. If therefore a child is filled up with the moral and aesthetic equivalent of junk food then we must expect him to devel-op a junk mind. The most appropriate way to celchrate the 400th anniversary uf Descartes is to begin again his quest for understanding but to begin with the re-alisation that our identity is not something to be deduced absurdly from our own thoughts. The "I" is nut something conjectured into existence; it is given and created out of whole worlds of objective values. And it is the choice of values which is crucial. As Ezra Pound said, "Show me what you value and I'll tell you what you're

worth.



Royal and Sun seal £6bn merger

Insurance shares race ahead on speculation of wave of takeovers in the industry

PETER RODGERS and NIC CICUTTI

tnsurance shares raced ahead yesterday as the City predicted a rusb of takeovers in the industry, prompted by the surprise £6bn merger of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance Analysts said the merger

raised doubts about the longterm independence of Guardian Royal Exchange, the smallest composite left in the sector.

There was speculation that GRE could be a target for European insurers, including the Dutch company, Fortis, the French insurer Axa, and Generali, the Italian firm.

One analyst said: "This definitely puts pressure on GRE. I would not be surprised at an announcement from them in the near future, either in relation to a merger with Commercial Union or General Accident, or a takeover from another

GRE shares rose 38p to 271p. General Accident was up 25p to 647p and Commercial Union. until the new deal Britain's largest general insurer, rose 25p to 615p. At those prices GRE is worth £2.5bn. Commercial Union £4.1bn, and General Accident £3.1bn.

The consultancy Datamonitor forecast that nearly a third of general insurers would fall victim to mergers or acquisitions and a similar contraction has already been widely predicted in

the life assurance industry.

The merger now makes
Prudential the hot favourite to take over Friends Provident, in the wave of consolidation sweeping through the life assurance industry.

The life mutual with £15bn under management was until recently thought to have been

closely stalked by Sun Alliance. The merged Royal Sun Al-liance is expected to renew its search for a mutual to buy after its own deal goes through in August, because the combined weight of the two companies' life operations is much lower than their share of the general insurance market.

Arthur Hayes of Sun Alliance. who is to be an executive director of the merged group, said "maybe at some time in the future we will return to looking at mutuals"

On the life assurance side, the combined company will only be sixth in annualised premium

With the merger costing 5,000 jobs, most of them in the UK. over the next two years, the two companies said they expected cost savings of £175m a year by 1998, to set against one-off costs of the restructuring of the same amount - giving a one year payback. The companies have 28,000 staff in the UK, 22,000 of them in mainstream insurance which will reduce to 17,000 to 18,000, and their world-wide total is 45,000

The combined company will be the UK's largest general insurer and it will also be the ninth largest composite insurer in the world – leaping from 23rd place for Royal and 25th for Sun Alliance.

The all share deal was generally welcomed in the City, because there has been a widespread recognition that the UK insurance market has too few large international players. The overlap between the two in

Financial comp	ariso	n of th		
Ro	yal Ins	urance	Sun A	Hiance
	1995	1994	1995	1994
	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)
Net premiums written:				
- general insurance	3,524	3,589	3,571	3,402
- long-term insurance	1,029	1,117	1,262	1,237
total	4,553	4,706	4,833	4,639
Pre-tax profits	498	467	546	347
Shareholders' funds	2,676	1,882	2,640	1,768
Dividend total	16.0p	12.0p	17.25p	15.75p
Earnings per share	60.0p	61.9p	44.0p	26.9p
Number of UK employe	ės :	12,743		15,825

overseas markets is also small. Both have plans to expand in India and China.

The merged group had world-wide premium income of £9.4bn and net profits of £1.026bn last year on pro forma accounts.

After their shares leapt yes-

terday - Royal by 67p to 437p the total market value was £6.1hn, of which £2.8bn was Royal and £3.3 bn was Sun Alliance. Total assets are £55bn including £45bn of funds under management

Under the terms of the merger, holders of 1,000 Royal shares will own 1,067 Royal Sun Al-liance shares, while 1,000 Sun Alliance shares translate into the same number in the new company. Royal shareholders will then own 46.4 per cent and Sun Alliance 53.6 per cent of the combine. However, unlike takeovers or mergers of mutual societies there will be no cash bonanza for policyholders.

Roger Taylor, the chief executive of Sun Alliance who as deputy chairman is to be the top executive director in the merged group, said he did not believe the merger would be put on ice by a UK monopolies inquiry. He conceded there was a possible problem in one specialised type of engineering insurance where the combined share is 45 per cent. This is the husiness of in-

suring and inspecting boilers.
But he said that while the combined share of household insurance approaches 25 per cent. this only included members of the Association of British Insurers, and when other competitors were taken into account the share would be 20 per cent.

Mr Taylor acknowledged the merger came within the orbit of the European authorities, which would examine the competilion implications.

The new "super-insurer", Royal Sun Alliance - whose name has to be cleared with the Home Office because of the use of the word Royal - will be twice the size of the next two largest composite insurers General Accident and Commercial Union. Both have a UK market share of about 7 per cent. GRE is in

Stephen Dias, insurance analyst at Goldman Sachs, said: From the numbers, it is a good deal for both sets of shareholders. It is well balanced. It is quite clear that some advantage could be gained from the difficult

fourth place with about five

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A powerful overlap at the top

PETER RODGERS and JOHN WILLCOCK

Jockeying for power at the top of the merged company has left both the chief executives of Royal and Sun Alliance in apparently overlapping jobs. Richard Gamble of Royal

will be group chief executive but Roger Taylor of Sun Alliance will have the senior role as executive deputy chairman and chairman of the management hoard. The arrangement is part of a

carefully halanced reorganisation that sees the departure of one Royal director, Roy Elms, and one from Sun Alliance, Ian Trotter, both of whom will be consultants to the company. There are bound to be ques-

tions over whether the emergence of the two most powerful figures in both companies in similar positions at the top of the new organisation can be a lasting arrangement. Mr Gamble, 56, will have chairman of the merged group overall operational responsibil- until the new person arrives.

port directly to Mr Taylor, 54. Mr as "an insurance man through Taylor will be responsible for the and through." Mr Taylor joined merged husiness.

Asked to define the two top West Midlands. He has stayed was seen as a good outside fig-

Royal Sun Alliance leaps to ninth in world league Total worldwide net premium income*

executive roles, Mr Taylor said: "The board has delegated ex-ecutive responsibility to me." Above both men will be a new non-executive chairman, to replace Sir Christopher Benson,

the chairman of Sun Alliance, who will remain as interim

with the company ever since, and was the driving force behind its last big acquisition. In 1984 it bought another insurance company Phoenix for £400m, and achieved 18 per cent cost savings in as many months. trained as an accountant and has

Richard Gamble, by contrast, had a varied career, including ity for the group, running the management team, and will re- Taylor vesterday described him role at Northern Telecom, Mc-Donnell Douglas UK and British Airways. Mr Gamble world-wide strategy of the merged husiness. what was then the Alliance joined Royal from BA in 1989 straight from school, in the as group finance director, and

ure to pull together what was re-garded as a somewhat sleepy company with severe problems in the US.

The new group will have four executive directors - Mr Taylor, Mr Gamble, Arthur Hayes from 225-strong banking syndicates Sun Alliance and Paul Spencer that have lent the £8.1bn of juas group finance director from

The non-executive directors have been carefully chosen with equal balance from both original boards and include the Duke of Westminster from Sun Alliance. A number are also

Tunnel banks to propose debt swap

PETER RODGERS Business Editor

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Banks negotiating with Euro-tunnel over an £8.1bn debt reconstruction are expected next week in propose an immediate swap of part of the debt for 49 per cent of the equity in the company.

Reports from Paris last night

said the four lead banks, including Nat West and Midland, are to start talks with Eurotunnel next week on the plan. A proposal from the banks to take just under half the equity in the company is less tough than some shareholders had

feared, against a background of cash surpluses that are a frac-tion of the interest bill. Eurotunnel sources indicated that no proposal had yet been made to the company, and it is not clear whether it would

accept a 49 per cent swap. There had been suggestions that the banks would insist on taking anything up to 90 per cent of the company from shareholders in return for agreement to restructure the debt, on which interest pay-ments were suspended last September.
The Paris sources said the

debt restructuring agreement was reached last Sunday among National Westminster Bank, the HSBC Holdings subsidiary Midland Bank, Banque Na-tionale de Paris, Credit Lyonnais, the European Investment Bank and the European Coal

and Steel Community.

The lead banks are believed to have already won agreement on their proposals from the larger group of 25 instructing banks overseeing the financial reconstruction talks, which are due to

begin next week. But they now have to enter delailed negoliations with Eu-rotunnel, the company co-chaired by Sir Alastair Morton and Patrick Ponsolle.

Eurotuanel has drawn up its own proposals, thought to eovisage a limited deht-for-equity swap combined with a flexible plan to share the growing reveoue from the tunnel between bank creditors and shareholders over the years ahead.

Assuming agreement is reached with the Eurotunnel board, the banks will then have to sell the deal to the rest of the nior debt in questinn. The syndicates have to deliver a 100 per ceot vote in favour of the restructuring proposals.

The balance of the £9bn debt is held by senior lenders whose interest payments are not part of the 18 month standstill announced last September.

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Inquiry starts into OFT gaffe over Colorvision

PATRICK TOOHER

Office of Fair Trading vesterday as the Stock Exchange launched an inquiry into why the wrong statement was issued to investors about the status of an OFT inquiry into Colorvision. the Liverpool-based electrical retailer.

"It's a bit of a balls-up to say the least, an OFT spokesman an hour to rectify its mistake, by admitted. Something went horribly wrong."

The OFT had meant to say Colorvision's appeal against rewould go uncontested if a pro- at 32p. posed boardroom shake-up, inchairman, was implemented.

January press release, stating Embarrassment engulfed the Colorvision had been stripped of the licences and slammed the company's business practices, which included misleading prices, dishonestly supplying secondhand or ex-display goods and failing to offer refunds

It took the OFT almost half which time Colorvision's shares had slumped to an all-time low of 16p. They soared to 41 p when the real OFT position became voked consumer credit licences clear and ended the day up op

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to them.

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As part of the restructuring, cluding the appointment of the chairman Neville Michaelson former Wembley Stadium boss and non-executive director and non-executive director Sir Brian Wolfson as executive Bernard Michaelson have retired. Sir Brian will be joined on

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Instead, the OFT sent out a the revamped board by Adrian Collins, former chief executive of fund manager Gartmore, and Anthony Rawlinson of venture capital group Strand Partners.

The Michaelsons bave also transferred, for no payment, a 29.9 per cent stake in the company worth just under £2m to Sir Brian, Mr Collins and Strand Partners.

A further 6.8 per cent stake will be placed in a discretionary trust for the benefit of the company's key employees, leaving Neville and Bernard Michaelson with 29.9 per cent of Colorvision's equity. Colorvision said the changes

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were being carried out at its own suggestion. The final decision over its consumer credit li-cences rests with Ian Lang, the

US utilities to bid for Midlands Electricity

MICHAEL HARRISON

Midlands Electricity is expected to agree to a takeover next week from two US utilities valuing the business at £1.5bn to £2bn and setting the scenc for a fresh round of hid fever in the

power industry. The company ennfirmed yesterday that it was in discussions that could lead to an offer. One of the bidders is the New Jersey-based General Public Utilities. The other is rumoured to be Houston Industries of Texas, which bid unsuccessfully for Norweb last year.

The market has been expecting a bid since the Trade and In-dustry Secretary Ian Lang blocked an agreed £1.95bn takeover of Midlands by the gen-Trade and Industry Secretary. | erator PowerGen 10 days ago.

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received a number of informal approaches from US utilities. Other possible US suitors

being mentioned vesterday included Pacificorp, Mission Energy, Duke Power and Florida Power and Light. There were also rumours of a possible counter bid by the water company Severn Trent.

Although Mr Lang has ef-fectively blocked bids both by and for the two generators, National Power and Power-Gen, the remaining independent regional electricity companies are all thought vulnerable to takeover.

General Public Utilities is capitalised at \$3.8bn (£2.5bn) and owns three utility companies on the US eastern-

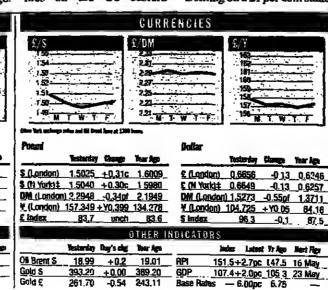
Within 48 hours the Midlands seaboard - Jersey Central Powchairman Bryan Townsend had received a number of informal son and Pennsylvania Electric. It has a turnover of just under \$4bn and 10,000 employees.

Houston Industries is val-

ued at \$5.5bn and generates and supplies electricity to more than 1.5 million customers on the Gulf coast of Texas, making it the ninth largest electricity ntility in the US. It also bas international operations in Ar-gentina and India.

Analysts speculated yesterday that a bid could value Midlands at up to 450p a share or more compared with its opening price vesterday of 385p. The sbares closed 38p higher at 423p valuing the company at £1.6bn.

PowerGen's attitude could be crucial to the outcome since it is sitting on a 21 per cent stake.



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One of the last bastions of inefficiency falls We obviously spoke a touch too soon when we said in Business Comment

vesterday that the breakdown of talks belween British Telecom and Cable & Wireless could herald the end of the merger boom. There is, of course, one sector that cries out for consolidation and rationalisation - composite insurance. The only real surprise is that

it has taken so long for the insurers to strike

a significant deal. Insurance remains one of the last great hastions of mefficiency, arrogance and out-dated practice. Insurers tend to regard themselves as professionals with policyholders, rather than commercial businesses with cusinmers, and until the last few years the great British public has rather allowed them to get away with it. The result is overmanning, Spanish practices and a positively 19th-cen-

tury attitude to organisation and technology. Things are changing, however. Insurers are being forced to wake up to what most of us realised long ago: these days the world doesn't come to you. If you want to compete, you have to go out to the world.

The advance of low-cost telephone insurance and the giant insurers of America and Europe is badly rattling our own molly-coddled industry. Competition is becoming intense and prices are tumbling. As in any price war, costs have to tumble too. It is sad truth that, although this merger creates Britain's largest insurance company, Royal Sun Alliance will still rank no higher than ninth in the world league.

Nor, apparently, are the powerful egos, strong dynastic tendencies, and differing City allegiances of this industry the barrier to change they once were. Individual insurance companies have traditionally retained strong links with particular banking dynasties - Barings, Rothschild, Hambros. As with so much of the "old" City, these divisions are being swept away. Both Robert Taylor and Richard Gamble, respectively chief executives of Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance, found the logic of this merger inescapable. A way of accommodating two fiercely independent management teams under one roof had to be found

As it is the solution proposed, with the top jobs shared out between the two boards and the position of chief executive in effect split, is probably untenable long-term. One will eventually come to dominate the other. But there is no doubting the sense of the merger. Royal Sun Alliance will be uniquely placed to deal with the growing competitive pres-sures of the domestic and international mar-ket. Others will surely be forced to fullow.

Mindscape displays Pearson's deep problem

It wasn't managed as effectively as it might have been. We are going to narrow the focus of the business and concentrate on those areas where we have a strong position in the market." So said John Makin-

son, Pearson's finance director, and, while he was only talking about Mindscape, the fastexpanding Californiao hlaek hole on which Pearson squandered £300m two years ago,

his words might apply to the whole empire. Mindscape has been an unmitigated disaster and Pearson has been at best ecooomical with the facts about its problems, The City was led to expect hreak-eveo last year and ended up with a £7m loss. Even that bombshell, however, could not have pre-pared anyone for yesterday's £46m stunner.

Fortunately, Mindscape appears to be an isolated bowler, even if it rendered somewhat hollow Lord Blakenham's remarks at yesterday's agm about the integration of the recent Harper Collins educational books purchase and the brighter news on the television from But it is symptomacc of a deeper problem - Pearson's inability to put much focus on the corporate manoeuvrings of the past few years. There was never any logic in the collection of oil, banking, china and leisure husinesses that Pearson nace was, but there hardly seems in he any more to the current mish-mash of education,

entertainment and information interests. When you are up against the likes of Reuters, in the provision of information, and Disney, in the world of entertainment, mounting an effective challenge requires a marshalling of resources. It is simply asking too much for a business the size of Pearson to try and fight a war on so many froots.

Pearson has to decide what it wants to be

and go for it with conviction. With luck the arrival of a triumvirate of bright new directors two months ago could act as the catalyst the company needs to change. But they

will have to chuck a large pile of seotimental baggage overboard in the process.

Getting rid of Madame Tussaud's and Westminster Press and spinning off the book publishing arm might be a good first step. Because, at the risk of sounding like a scratched record, if they don't do it someone else will.

A happy honeymoon for the ALM

The flurry of new issues this week, includ-ing the glamorous if loss-making La Senza, is a reminder that the Alternative Investment Market is very nearly a year old, and a bonnier baby the Stock Exchange could not have hoped for. It would have been a brave forecast that predicted 142 companies trading on the new market by this companies and a positively foolhardy one that promised that not one AIM stock would have gone bust in the first 11 months.

Just like its ultimately ill-started predecessor, the Unisted Securioes Market, AIM

has enjoyed a benign trading environment in which to put down roots. But that should not take away from its main achievement. which has been to convince institutional per cent rise last week ulone, investors will investors that it was worth a second look.

Only that has created the circumstances to which companies such as the satellite TV equipment group Pace Micro could consider floating with a market value approaching £200m. This is now a serious market.

The cynical view of all this is that the last few months have actually been little more than a honeymoon period. The size of most AIM companies, the narrow spread of their activities and the limited management experience of many of their directors, mean that a disaster is only a matter of time. What will matter then is the extent to which the limmatter then is the extent to which the infited due diligence companies' advisors are forced to carry out will be found wanting. The market is strong enough to survive, but if the exchange's light regulatory touch is the cause, that might well finish it.

More of a concern is the lack of liquidity and the interest area.

and the usurious spreads imposed by the few market-makers willing to take on the risk of dealing in AIM shares. Even before you factor in dealing costs, the difference between buying and selling prices means a stock has in rise between 5 and 10 per cent just to recover the initial investment.

That is not an AIM-specific problem, however; it is the price you pay for investing in any small company. And it should not distract from the attractions of a good old-fash-ioned punters' market. As long as there is the prospect of picking the next Cafe Inns, up 48 per cent in March, or Firecrest, a 31

Pearson stuns City with £46m Mindscape loss

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Pearson stunned shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting when the owner of Madame Tussauds and the Financial Times warned that Mindscape, a games software house it bought two years ago for £313m, would lose £46m this year. Analysts knew that the Californian husiness was in trouble, following a £7m loss in 1995, but the size of the sbortfall exceeded even the most pessimistic forecasts.

Lord Blakeoham, Pearson's chairman, signalled a continuation of the root-and-branch review of its failed diversification into multi-media, which has alpany's chief executive this year. The problems at Mindscape are expected to increase pressure on management to sharpen the media and eotertainment combine's focus as a way of fending off the predators that are rumoured to be circling the company.

Despite a far-reaching shift from a loose collection of industrial and service businesses a few years ago to a better-defined information, entertainment and education group, Pearson is still viewed as a slightly sleepy, family-run concern whose break-up value Lord Blakenham: Thorough might be considerably in excess review continues

Lord Blakenham said just under half Mindscape's heavy losses would be due to poor trading, with the rest made up of a write-down against the development costs of products that would not oow come to market, redundancy costs and a change in accounting treat-ment of software costs and

Anthony de Larrinaga, an analyst at Panmure Gordon, the stockbroker, said: "This has though it will take quite a lot to CD-ROMs. turn this one around." Shares Pearson ad in Pearson, which had been buoved by the receot bid spec-



of the price tag given to the ulation, closed 18p lower at combined whole by the stock-

The expected losses at Mindscape were seized on by analysis as a reason to downgrade their profit forecasts for the year. Estimates were cut from about £274m for the 12 mooths to December to as low as £230m. For 1997 forecasts were trimmed to £310m from £335m.

Pearson bought Mindscape in April 1994, when the software industry was booming. Since then, the business has faced the collapse of the floppy disk marbeen a running sore and this is ket and intense price competi-confirmation of it. It looks as tion for software, particularly

Pearson admitted that, in order to boost sales last year, Mindscape had rushed to release a range of "mediocre" multi-media products before they were fully developed. It had tried to handle too many titles in too large a product range.

To return to profitability, Mindscape will have to concentrate on its core markets this year to develop a range of better-selling games for 1997, analysts said. They were divided, however, on the chances of

An analyst said Mindscape's problems indicated that Pearson had overpaid for Mindscape. adding that its next large acquisition could be treated with



Unhealthy sign: The FDA rejection is a setback for Jan Leschly's SmithKline

SmithKline drug setback

SmithKline Beecham shares plunged yesterday after a key committee of the US Food & Drug Administration unexpectedly rejected one of the giant drug group's most promising new compounds. Sales of Coreg, a heart drug, had been expected by some US analysts eventually to be worth more than \$10n (£660m).

Analysis' forecasts were vesterday being slashed to between zero and \$200m after the cardiovascular and renal drugs advisory committee on Thursday voted four-to-two against recommending use of the treat-

ment. The decision is a sethack Although Coree is alrea for SmithKline, led by chief ex-ecutive Jan Leschly, because rarely does the FDA overrule a committee recommendation. Shares in the group slid 49.5p to 662p, after dipping \$3%

overnight in New York. One London analyst said: The market is looking at this as a significant blow. Coreg was their highest-profile product and there were some very high expectations, particularly from US analysts, who were expecting to see sales of \$1bn-plus before the end of the century. That's gning to have to be scaled back to say the least. There's no doubt this is a blow to sentiment."

proved in the US for high blood pressure, its main application is as a treatment for congestive heart failure, which is a principai cause of around 40,000 deaths in the US every year and a contributory factor in a further 225,000. The success of clinical trials caused their abandonment in February so that patients receiving the placebo could be given the new drug, which is being jointly de-veloped with Bochringer Mannbeim of Germany. The FDA committee said the trials' six-month length was insufficient to establish the efficacy of

Companies urged to move fast on VAT

ROGER TRAPP

Companies are being urged to move quickly to elaim against the Customs and Excise for repayment of value-added tax because of the danger of legislation being introduced to limit the amounts payable.

The advice came yesterday from Alan Buckett, national chairman of the VAT Practitioners Group, in the wake of last week's landmark court victory by furniture company Primback. The Court of Appeal held that Customs had wroogly calculated the VAT payable on goods sold through interest-free credit deals ever since the tax was introduced in 1973.

Since Customs is appealing against the decision to the House of Lords, no claims can yet be made. But many of items such as televisions and washing machines as well as furniture are preparing proceedings to case the tax authorities

Many VAT experts calculate that - if interest is included - the cost to the Exchequer could be

as much as £5bn. Mr Buckett, a VAT partner at accountants Binder Hamlyn, said the scale of the poteodal claims could prompt the Government into introducing a time limit. Ministers could also seek to pass wider anti-avoidance legislation, he added.

Customs said the idea was pure speculation" at this stage. It is also seeking to downplay the figures on the grounds that it is "extremely difficult to accurately quantify" the number of businesses that are in the

same positioo as Primback. It is understood that it believes the amount it would have to pay if it loses the House of Lords hearing will be less than

However, this case - which follows the revelation of a £6bn shortfall in VAT revenue for the financial year just completed is believed to be just the tip of

the iceberg. Research just published by accountants Coopers & Lybrand suggests that the "worst-case scenario" could see the Treasury, having to pay out between £30bn and £40bn over the next three years.

The biggest claim involves the Customs does not allow British companies to claim back VAT on the cost of cars purchased for their fleets.

The case, heing brought in the came of the drinks company formerly known as Allied-Lyons, is due in court shortly and could lead in claims totalling

£15hn to £25hn. Mr Buckett believes that

figure is exaggerated, with the true amount likely to be between £5hn and £7bn. He also suggests that the overall amount given by Coopers is too high. since it would approach the sum that was the total VAT collect-

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INVESTEST RATES

· Andrew Winckler, chief executive of the Securities and Investment Board, the City's top regulator, yesterday appealed for help from the pension fund industry to aid the compensation process for hundreds of thousands of victims of the £3bn misselling scandal. Mr Winckler admitted progress in the pension review had so far been heavily delayed. He said most of the obstacles in the way of achieving compensation for those who had heen missold a personal pension had now been removed. He reiterated the regulator's threat to take action against pension companies or advisers who cause further delays.

· Edinburgh's Roslin Institute, hopes to raise between £25m to £30m from a flotation in early June. PPL uses so-called transgenic flocks of sheep to produce proteins which it is hoped can be used to treat a range of diseases including cystic fibrosis, emphysema and thrombosis and will provide products which both assist and prevent blood clotting. The first product, for cystic fibrosis, is not expected to be launched until 2001. The only profit in the company's nine-year life was £20,000 made in 1992.

 Oxford Molecular saw 15 million of its shares sold to raise £50m for its original venture capital investors yesterday. Brokers Cazenove placed the holdings with institutional investors. Derek Marsh, Oxford's finance director, said this was the first chance investors had to sell after a two-year standstill agreement following the biotechnology computer group's flotation in 1994. The investors each sold between one-third and a half of their holdings.

 First National Bank, Abbey National's consumer finance subsidiary, has paid United News & Media £108m for Wagon Finance, one of the UK largest car finance companies. Wagon has about 5 per cent of the £30bn motor finance market and last year made pre-tax profits of £12.8m. Abbey said the deal is part of a move to lessen dependence on its core mortgage market.

 Custain, Camas and Rugby all warned about the dire state of the construction and building materials markets. They said the first half was difficult and indicated husiness may not improve until next year.

 Virgin has sold 90 former MGM cinemas to a management team led by Barry Jenkins and financed by CINVen in a deal valued at £68m. The ABC Cinemas formed part of MGM Cinemas which was sold in 1995 to a consortium led by Virgin.

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OECD deficit forecasts jolt EMU launch hopes

Monetary Union is to be tak-

SARAH HELM

The prospect of launching the single eurrency in 1999 re-ceived another jolt yesterday when fresh economic forcasts predicted that both France and Germany would fail to meet the hndget deficit targets in time. French and German budget

deficits will be above 3 per cent of gross domestic product in 1997, the year on which a country's economic performance will be judged, according to forecasts from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Should France and Germany, the countries leading the drive towards the single currency, fail to meet the criteria. the 1999 launch date would have to be set back. The decision on which coun-

eo in early 1998, on the basis of the 1997 results, and both Germany and France have so far resisted any moves to weaken the criteria. The OECD forecasts, to be published shortly, were con-

firmed yesterday by Jean-Claude Paye, the secretary general Although Mr Paye refused to give precise figures, he said: "The forecasts which have been made give something above 3 per cent for 1997." The European Commission.

which is due to publish its own economic forcasts on 15 May. showed no sign of coocern over the OECD results, insisting that there was oo reasoo to believe that the deadline for lauoching the single currency could oot be met by Germany and France, as well as several other EU states. "We remain

significant number of countries ready in participate in manctary union in 1999," a Commission spokesman said.

However, the Commission's own forecasts are being awaited with some nervousness in Paris and Bonn. Germany already faces the prospect of Commission sanctions after overshooting the deficit limit for

Both France and Germany are certain to insist that the gloomy predictions can be over-turned by new drives to cut public spending. French officials are talking of "draconian" measures to curb spending and list plans to limit speodiog increases to the rise in inflation over the next four or five years.

Recent Germao spendiog cuts have aimed at public savings of about 50bn marks (£22bn) in 1997 and include tries qualify to join European confident that there will be a deep welfare and tax cuts.

Halifax caught in pension row

NIC CICUTTI

Halifax Building Society faces a mass withdrawal of millions of pounds of deposits by pension schemes because it refuses to let their members benefit from the free shares bonanza when it floats on the stock market next

The Society has been told by the J Sainsbury pension scheme, which looks after the supermarket giant's contributions. that it will pull out about £5m in-vested in Halifax's additional vol-

account. A further £1m of annual payments made by the pension scheme on behalf of the store's 2,000 AVC contributors is also set to be diverted elsewhere.

The row looks likely to lead to mass withdrawals from Halifax's AVC deposit account, which currently holds about £123m of savers funds on behalf of about 400 pension schemes.

A Halifax spokeswoman said yesterday: "We cannot discuss this specific case because we regard it as confidential between ourselves and our clients. Our uotary contributions deposit board made the decision oot to

This includes contributors to the AVC scheme, which is a deposit account." Other pension trustees, in-

cluding representatives of a £4bn

scheme who declined to be

named, are also thought to be

close to withdrawing their money. Anger at Halifax's stance is be-ing fuelled by the fact that it curreptly pays just 5.4 per cent of annual interest on its deposit account to AVC savers. By contrast. Abbey National's equivalent account pays 5.94 per cent at present.

POSTAL INVESTMENT **ACCOUNTS CURRENT INTEREST RATES**

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Insurance merger protects against complete rout mauling if two staid insurance groups had not confirmed that the merger bug is alive and SEAO VOLUME

The £5.4bn deal putting together Royal Insurance and Sun Alliaoce would, under more cormal cooditions, have set the stock market romping ahead; the admission that a bid approach had been made to Midlands Electricity would have provided the added glitter speculators dream about. To complete the perfect day for the buils there was even talk

lower interest rates. But against the backdrop of the Tory poll beating and growing signs of inflationary pressures in the US shares really did not have much of a chance. The FT-SE 100 index, at one

Shares fell hack again but supporting FT-SE 250 index off would have suffered a savage 22.4 at 4.515.3. Footsie has fallen 81.2 this week and is 105.5 below its peak hit in the middic of last month.

Insurances, however, relished the appearance of takeover action - a development that had loog been ru-moured, with Commercial Union given a bopeful run on Thursday.

Royal surged 67p to 437p and Sun-55p to 414p. The sus-picion other deals will follow lifted GRE 38p to 271p. CU 25p to 615p and Legal & General 22p to 728p. Regional electricity compa-nies took heart from the Midthat next week the Govern-ment would be prompted to

lands approach. Soothern, once the target for National Power, added 9p to 839p and Yorkshire Electricity op to 823p. Midlands jumped 38p to 423p.

The generators recovered

MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

istration turned down its Coreg

The shares have been strong on hopes of FDA clearance

and talk of a big deal. Glaxo

SKB slipstream. losing 14p to

800p. Smith & Nephew continued

to progress on its skin-growing

alliance, moving 3p to 197.5p. SkyePharma, the lan Gowrie

Smith vehicle, made another

return to market. The shares

drug for heart treatment.

erGen, with 21 per cent of Midlands, 21p up at 557p. BT and Cable and Wireless were friendless after the breakdown of merger talks. In husy

trading BT gave up 13.5p to 338.5p and Cable 45p to 479p.
Profit warnings added to the torture. Pearson slipped 18p to 677p and Rugby came off 3.5p to 122p. Adscene, the media group, tumbled 32p to 263p, and Costain, the coo-

struction group, 10p to 89p. BSkyB, the satellite television broadcaster, fell 20p to 454p ahead of figures on Tueswith figures on Tuesday, lost 3p

stockbroker, placed 15 mil-lion shares with institutions at 5.25p to 64p, on hopes of a deal

around 300p.

They came from the original venture capital backers of the group. It was the first op-portunity they have had to sell following a two-year lockin. The venture capitalists sold symptoms. SmithKline Beecham crashed 49.5p to 662p as the US Food & Drug Admin-

up to half their boldings. MSB International, the computer group which made a sparkling debut on Thursday. fell 9p to 234p. The shares were sold at 190p.

Colorvision, the electrical retailer, had a see-saw session af-ter the Office of Fair Trading corrected a blunder over the company's consumer credit Down to 16p the shares

surged to 41p once the mistake was rectified. They closed at 32p, up 6p.
Pan Andean Resources

gamed 6p to 96p on its Bolivian progress report and

with British Rail.

Inn Business, the pubsichain, held at 54p as United Breweries, the Indian group, sold 3.8 million shares; it still has around 7 per ceoL Inttenham Hotspur's im-

proving chance of a place in Europe next season lifted the shares 26p to 373p, with the nil paid rights in line, up 26p to 93.

Arcon loternational Resources held at 35p; Finnish group. Outokumpu, was said to have sold its 4.5 per cent stake

have sold shares in another Irish resources share. Ivernia West, unchanged at 83p.

Pemberton, a property group, held at 80p. It is bidding for the Ofex-traded Best Peninsular Homes, which has residential property in the South-west. The cash offer is TAKING STOCK

TLadbroke Group raced back into the takeover arena in late trading after rumours swept the market that Hilton Hotels Corporation, known to be talking to the betting and hotel group. was raising £500m through a

bond issue. The latest story is HIIC, a US group, will mount a cash and share offer of 240p within the next few weeks. As part of the deal, Ladbroke's monagement will buy out the group's betting and casino

The shares cut ao early fall It was also rumoured to to 2p at 193p in busy late

> A bidder could be on the prowl for Harry Ramsdeo's, the renown fish and chip chain. The shares have been strong lately. They rose 14p to 384p com-

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touched 87p, closing at 79p against a 75p placing price. Oxford Mulecular gained pared with a 326p close on Munday. some lost territoryn with NP to 582p Drugs suffered withdrawal . 13p to 326p as Cazenove, the 62p against 48p on Ofex. 24.8 down at 3,751.6, with the 16p higher at 543p and Pow-**Share Price Data** nt, as a percentage of the share price. The practigarange (PE) ratio is the share sed by lest year's earnings per stene, excluding exceptional forms: set by lest year's earnings per stene, excluding exceptional forms: sets or Ex rights x Ex-dividend as Ex all u Unisted Securitos Markot s Suspendo The Independent Index Electricity Shares High Street Banks UK Company News Foreign Exchange Amyone with a tone-del telephone cen use the service. For a detailed desindependent Index, including its portfolio facility, phone 039 For assistance, cell our helpline 0171 873 4375 (930am - 530pm). Gas Distribution 28 of Committed 100 minds 10 minds 20 m 39 34 SALENDER 9

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Pooley hits out for Middlesex

Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Lord's Middlesex 200 and 207-4 Gloucestershire 218

Middlesex showed just what a resilient side they are yesterday and why they cannot be disregarded as Championship contenders despite a wholesale rebuilding program. Yesterday. they simply did what they had to, which was to bowl Gloucestershire out and then take a lead by the close. They accomplished

both with some ease and End, Mike Smith's line with the Gloucestershire oow find them- oew ball was a fraction too wide

don county began with an opening stand of 124. The pitch offered perceptibly less seam movement than on Thursday and neither Jason Pooley oor Paul Weekes looked at all troubled.

Possibly their left-handedness was a factor and with both hatsmen stretching well forward, Kevin Cooper's probing swing, such a fertile source of wickets oo Thursday, was neutered. While at the Pavilion

ing, when Northamptonshire

lost three wickets in 212 halls,

he found an excellent partner in Michael Foster, a 23-year-old

all-rounder whose career has al-

ready taken him from Yorkshire to Northamptonshire and on to

Durham. Yesterday, he was

celebrating the award of a two-

He has a strong pair of shoul-

ders and also bowls from close

to the stumps, moving the hall

towards the slips at just about

medium pace. He and Betts shared those first three wickets

and might well have had more.

given a solid start by Richard Montgomerie and Alan Ford-

ham, who put on 69, Fordham

contributing two massive pulls

for six. These two and Mal

Loye were then out in quick suc-

cession before Roh Bailey and

Russell Warren steadied the

Roseberry was strangely re-

luctant to bring back Betts after

lunch, but when he did so War-

ren drove loosely and was caught

in the gully. Earlier Colling-

wood had marked his first-class

debut with a fine catch two-hand-

ed to his left at second slip which

accounted for Montgomerie.
At 176 for 4, he came on to

bowl and with his first ball

yorked David Capel, Two runs

later Bailey drove Betts tame-

ly to mid-off but two dropped

slip catches, excusable in this

innings with a stand of 68.

Northamptonshire were

year contract with Durham.

Collingwood keeps up first-ball tradition

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Chester-le-Street Northants 273-3 v Durham

If neither county rose to any great heights on their opening day of the championship, it was not to be wondered at in such uncharitably cold weather. One player who will remember the day was Paul Collingwood, who became the second player in two days, after Middlesex's James Hewitt, to take a wicket with his first ball in first-class

The players struggled all day in the teeth of a fierce easterly wind after Mike Roseberry had put Northamptonshire into hat in the vague hope that his seam bowlers might have used the damp conditions to their advantage. There had been oo play on Thursday.

Roseberry will oot have been eotirely unhappy at the way things turned out either. His 21year-old fast bowler, Melvyn Betts, starting his third seasoo with Durham with the modest tally of 128 wickets to his name, nut only took 4 for 99, his best figures, but also showed that his control has greatly improved.

He has a sprinter's approach to the wicket over 20 paces, he bowls from reasonably close to the stumps and for a time more than justified the three slips and a gully his captain gave him. part he raised a lively pace and Curran and Tony Penberthy to A lengthy presence at the its ignominious departure from sweat, or taking off any of his left arm, but the tourists' bowl-moved the ball away from the give the Northamptonshire crease with Ramprakash to the World Cup in Calcutta last jumpers. In the end he was ing always looked a bit sharp for

selves chasing the game.
Starting their secood innings with a deficit of 18 ruhs, the Lon-

right. Weekes, uncertain about whether or not to leave the ball, edged to Davis at slip. A few balls later Pooley followed, bowled off his pads by a persevering Coop-er, who looked as if he was about In the latter part of the morn-

ready for a long soak in the bath.
This year, Middlesex hope to
video every ball during the season, although the comprehensive coverage does rather rely on someooc remembering to pop out every three hours to ange the tape.

to force early mistakes.

After starting less surely than

his partner, Pooley moved into

overdrive, hitting Jonathan

Lewis for three successive fours.

Pooley has a reputation for

having a shrewd cricketing brain. If so, his game plan when

Jack Russell introduced the

first over of spin - shortly after

three o' clock - was more vil-

lage blacksmith than Voltaire as

Richard Davis's two overs of

left-arm spin from the Nursery End cost 18 runs.

When Smith did get his line

It may or may oot prove in-structive and an early viewer would probably have been John Carr, who looked more than a listle befuddled as to how his offstump had come to be knocked back after he had pushed well forward to Smith, who then prompt-ly removed Keith Brown, caught off bat and pad at short-leg.

David Follett, on the other

hand, would probably want a dozen copies run-off, the early part of the day proving a par-ticular triumph for the Middlesex seamer. Before this match, Follett's career figures of 1-95. read like a batsman's wet dream. With Angus Fraser not moving as hreezily as he bad done the first evening. Follett impressively took command, finishing with 5-94, including the wicket of Jack Russell, who mis-hooked

to Weekes at square-leg.

Any hopes Gloucestershire had of taking a substantial first inniogs lead, quickly departed when Andrew Symonds was out to the first ball he faced. That his side ended with any kind of lead at all was due to 3 whirlwind last wicket partnership between Davis and the No 11 Smith, who flayed seveo fours in an innings that eveo warmed Gatting's hands after

dropped him on four, at slip. score a more respectable look. day, ought to absolve him.



One jumper ahead: Sacriin Tendulkar goes in during India's opening tour game at Osterley yesterday

Tendulkar warms to the task

ROBERT WINDER

England's cricketers usually make quite a lot of ooise about the need to acclimatise to the heat and humidity of far away places. So you had to feel sor-ry for India's touring team, which celebrated its arrival here with the traditional social encounter against Indian Gymkhana in west London yesterday.

The tour manager, Sandip Patil, described the game as a "good warm-up", but warm-up was very much oot the operative word. An icy wind sliced across Heathrow and numbed the fingers of a team that, since

Singapore, Sharjah, Osterley the roll call of exotic cricket veoues oever seems to end.

India gave some of their players a chance to put in some serious autographing. Navjot Sidhu signed programmes, bats, books and old bits of tissue paper with his fingers stuffed up his sleeves, while the lucky recipients of his signature cried: "Look! Kumble!" Mohammad Azharuddin was busy having physio in the pavil-ion, and Smath and Manirekar

Batting first, India were not looking too pretty at 65 for 4, but Teodulkar, captain for the day, scored 70 without breaking

tournaments in Asia. Calcutta, Singapore, Sharjah, Osterley - cy in what will, for sure, be a dining out moment for years to come. "He'd just smashed me Still, the result was hardly the for six," Rehncy said, "And then he hit a slower ball straight up

in the air. I thought about Courtney Browne dropping Tendulkar off one of those in the World Cup, but luckily I held it. He was amazing, actually, I was so nervous. You're bowling at Test batsmen and theo you bowl at him, and it's another level."

India were all out for 184, not exactly an imposing total, but more than enough. Kunal Hazare, the 16-year-old grandson of a former Test captain, picked up 3 for 20 in eight overs of slow month, has played two one-day caught and bowled by a maths the home side. The Gymkhana

lost wickets steadily as they tottered to 88 all out,

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point. It is no longer the case that cricketers need to get cobwebs out of their system: they never stop playing long enough. But the game did provide them with a quick reminder of what it means to bat on slow, seaming English wickets. But no ooc was injured and the crowd was happy - it was also about the same size as the one at most county matches, only more boisterous. At the eod someone even started banging a drum, and what with the air full of tandoori smells they could almost have

ONIS-DAY FRIENDLY (Outerley) Inde 184 G9.5 overs: S. R. Tendulier 70), Indian Byrnkhana 88, India won by 96 nuns.

frost, that is.

been at home. Apart from the

Stark in pursuit despite mistake

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from from Badminton

David O'Connor retained his overnight lead oo Custom Made during yesterday's second day of dressage at the Mitsubishi Badminton Horse Trials, but Ian Stark and Mark Todd are now within one penalty point of the leader as riders prepare for today's cross-country.

At one stage O'Connor held the top two places for the United States, before first Todd and then Stark nudged the American's second mount, Lightfoot. back to fourth. Stark might have been leading for Britain, but for a mistake in the second movement when the grey, Stanwick Ghost, broke into canter during medium trot.

"I got greedy, "Stark said. "I committed the cardinal sin of asking for more when I already had enough." The Scut, so king a majostay of the British team. was delighted with the grey thoroughbred who has the mischievous mind of a pony.

Stark is a mere 0.2pt behind the leader and just 0.6pt ahead of Todd, the double Olympic champion from New Zcaland, who is now third on Bertie Blunt. Last year Todd's stirrup leather broke and he rode most of the cross-country without one iron, finishing that phase in third place before Bertie Blunt failed the fioal horse inspection.
"Robert and Melita Howell,

who own Bertie, have bought me some new stirrup leathers that I'll be using for the crosscountry," Todd said with a wry

O'Connor's secood mount, Lightfoot, had a more serious problem at Boekelo in the Netherlands last October, when an ambulance ran into him while he was on the cross-country course. "I figured you have the right of way when you're riding the course, I didn't expect to be flipped over by an ambulance," O'Connor said. "Wewere both badly hruised after

Moxon revels as Yorkshire hit record-breaking form

DEREK HODGSON

reports from Cardiff Yorkshire 536-8 dec Glamorgan 132-2

Welcome to Sophia Gardens ~ the Home of Records. If coachloads of statisticians and computer nerds were expected for what promised to be a gala for the oumerically literate, Glamorgan were disappointed. But there was a good crowd, the Bacon Baguette did record business and mere cricket-lovers could always shut their eyes to the scoreboard and enjoy the

After Thursday's cold misery.

this was a sparkling May day, one fit for great deeds. The editor of Wisden's Almanack arrived hotfoot, records tumbled was hig enough for a major re-

was on course to overtake the remained inviolate, set off to regularly but, in the end, not one highest individual Yorkshire score against Glamorgan - 197 by Hutton in 1937 - when, carving at the new ball, be fell

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war (Boycott and Moxon at Worcester in 1985). Michael Seeing that the famous 555 Vaughan had reached 183 and stand of Holmes and Sutcliffe

The distinction of being the first Tyke to take a double hundred off Glamorgan thus fell to Moxon, who completed the fifth double century of his career before becoming Croft's fourth victim when, after 413 balls and eight hours' batting, he mistimed a pull and was caught at deep fine leg.

seek sensation elsewhere.

Three more departed before Richard Blakey and Darren Gough, who was dropped twice, scored hits, the declaration

to bat yesterday and needing 387 to avoid a follow-on. When Hugh Morris, on onc

was dropped at first slip off Pe ter Hartley, the jitters could be sensed. But with a little luck, and the confidence to strike the looser ball, Steve James and Morris guided Glamorgan beyoud tea.

With 76 raised and 23 overs negotiated, Glamorgan appeared to have reached safer water when James went to drive a ball from Peter Harrley that may have lifted - Thomas has made one or two fly from the River End-and was caught behind. Two overs later Adrian Dale could not avoid a straighter, similar delivery.

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No play yesterday BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAM-PIONSHIP: Canterbury: Kera 63 for 2 v Lan-

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Barnett moves within sight of county record Round-up

Kim Barnett's third double century of his career put Derbyshire in command against Leicestershire at Derby yesterday and took him a lot closer to hecoming the highest scorer in the county's history.

The 35-year-old opener began the game requiring 383 runs to overtake the 20,516 set by Denis Smith, scored his 47th first-class century and, in his 350th appearance for the county, was finally dismissed for 200 by Alan Mullally.

His 100, his sixth against Leicestershire, came off 186 balls but he needed only 121 to complete his second.

Dean Jones declared at Barnett's dismissal with the score on 3h2 for 8. Leicestershire survived five overs to reach 11 for D at the close.

Graham Gooch helped to put Essex in charge against Worces-tershire. With the home side bowled out for 201 the new England selector int 85 off 98 halls and shared an opening stand of 158 with Darren Rohinson.

Neil Lenham hauled Sussex out of trouble after a dramatic collapse against Notting-hamshire at Trent Bridge. Leoham, who broke his left index finger against Nottinghamshire last year, scored an unheaten 90 in a total of 279 for 8 after Sussex slumped from 84 without loss to 170 for 7.

Martyn Moxon played two maideus from Rohert Croft, and after 15 minutes' play, in the 100th over, be pushed a single through midwicket off Darren Thomas to pass 323, a record for any Yorkshire wicket against

highest opening stand against Glamorgan (Barrie Dudleston and John Steele, for Leicestershire, 1975) and at 351 the highest for Yorkshire since the

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At 335 the pair passed the Illingworth's notebook.

to a flying right-handed catch by . Adrian Dale at cover. The stand was worth 362 in 399 minutes and Vaughan's innings included 28 boundaries off 314 balls, not a bad entry for ei-

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the pace but Croft, switching to. the Cathedral Road End, found increasing turn after David coming just hefore 3.15 with Byas had fallen to the persistent Glamorgan being left 46 overs

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handedly revived the popularity of football literature with All Played Out, his compelling account of the 1990 World Cup campaign, has a new love in his life. Gone is his infatuation with Waddle and Lineker. Robson and Robson, 4-1-2 and Gazza's tears (although over this past month, we've all learnt there was nothing unusual in Gazza hlubbing when the football didn't go his way: he is after all, just a Geordie). And in its place has come a desire so profound that Davies has moved his house to be close to its source, given up lucrative work to pursue it, spent most of his weekends in search of it. In short, Pete Davies has lost his heart to the Doncaster Belles.

That's the title of his superb new

leading female outfit, a sort of elongated love note to 15 hard-working.

hard-playing, female fanatics.
"The title's nut a joke." Davies
said. "I did, honestly, I lost my heart
to them. I knew the club existed, but I didn't know any more. Then a friend told me he was making a television film about them and suggested it would make a good article. The moment I met them I knew there was a book in it, they were so passionate, so involved. I went to write about them for a week and stayed for two years."

Davies's new tome is as intimate a chronicle of a football team as can have been written. He followed the girls to work, to training, to the puh; it's all there, the camaraderie, the it's all there, the camaraderie, the petty jealousies, the battles with the

on-the wall picture of the country's hlazers at the FA. And the fact it's about women - generally derided by media and public alike for the man-ner in which they trundle around in pursuit of the ball - makes the plea-

sure of it all the more unexpected. "There's no question the quality of the women's game is very high," Davies said. "I want this book to proselytise. I passionately believe these people deserve reward, recog-

In an attempt to make an early convert, Davies invited me to the women's FA Cup final at Millwall's New Den last Sunday. Doncaster Belles, his loves, weren't even play-ing. The finalists were Liverpool and Croydon, the Manchester United of women's football, not because they Jim White



New Den's fancy stands were women and many of them, judging by the tone of their heckling, play-ers themselves: "that's crap that is; release it early; lay it off, girl."

The game was, in truth, a scrap-py affair, the players looked tense, shots were scuffed, passes were misplaced as a matter of course. "Just like a Premiership game," Davies smiled. It seemed inevitable it would go to penalties and that Croydon would grind out a win, by dint of missing fewer. But there were enough touches - Liverpool's No 7 Karen Burke was a class act - to suggest it was the occasion rather than a lack of ability that was to blame. Davies. though, was worried by the occupants of the directors box, Graham Kelly and Bert Millichip were in there. the men who have recently taken over the women's game, and come out of his book as the villains. Here they were actually bothering to turn up to a women's match and it wasn't

to the women's game," Davies said.
"But there's very little evidence of that. I honestly feel they are uneasy with the concept of women playing football. They're certainly going to hate this book. They're obsessed with image. They're really terrified that the idea might get about that women footballers are a bunch of lager-swilling laddesses. Are they?
Yes, he says. "But that's the

point. They're ordinary people for whom foothall makes something of lives that would be otherwise remorselessly bleak. That's what I'm trying to communicate with this book it's a beautiful game that can do that."

Davies, you feel, has his work cut out acting as the game's unofficial PR man. This was how Alan Green

"The FA say they are committed announced the result of the match to Radio 5 listeners: "And we've just heard that Liverpool have been beaten by Croydon in the IA Cup final. But don't panie, it's only the Ladies FA Cup final."

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That kind of thing doesn't deter

him, though. "It's going to be massive this game," he says, "If some smart company gets involved now in spon-soring it, they could achieve an aw-

ful lot in the long term." And how about his own long term, has he got a daughter?

Is she any good at the game? "She's three," he smiles, "But she can't half trap a ball." "I Lost My Heart to the Doncaster Belles" is published by Heinemann on

Schumacher's charge lifts Ferrari fans

DAVID TREMAYNE

reports from Imola

As the sun warmed away morning rain, Michael Schumacher gave Ferrari's delirious fans exactly what they had come to see when he recorded the fastest time in practice here yesterday for tomorrow's San Marino Grand Prix.

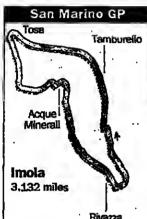
The world champion used all of his famous repertoire of raw speed and car control as he powered the red machine around in glorious slides, raising evebrows along the pit road and hopes among the tifosi, the Italian Ferrari enthusiasts.

A year ago Schumacher was one of their villains and Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger their heroes. But times change. The volatile Frenchman no longer enjoys a place within tifosi hearts after his winter outbursts against the team. There were only crocodile tears when he finished the day in 13th place.

Alesi's excessive brio does not always endear him to Benetton either. In Germany a week ago a reckless attempt to pass Mika

Salo's Tyrrell after a bad start resulted in instant retirement af-

Schumacher's speed vesterday caught many on the hop. particularly since it had been achieved with the standard V10 engine, and without using a set leneuve in the closing stages.



"I am feeling confident," said Schumacher who only a week ago had suggested that he felt the very opposite about his prospects on a circuit whose numerous bumps would not suit his car, "We did a lot of work on set-up today and used less fuel than we normally do on a Friday in order to conserve our tyres [drivers are allowed only

of fresh tyres - the latter ploy catapulted Rubens Barrichello's Jordan-Peugeot into second place ahead of the European seven sets of tyres per weekend]. We still have a lot of work to Grand Prix winner Jacques Vildo." Schumacher said.

> across the edge of a gravel bed. Hill was cautious in summarising his day. "You can always expect Ferrari to go quickly here," he said, "and they were close to us in Germany too, so I expect Saturday's qualifying to be close and very exciting. The circuit was very slippery today and it's uneven in places so it's quite difficult to

Damon Hill echoed that sen-

timent as he languished a relatively lowly sixth separated from

his Williams-Renault partner by Mika Hakkinen's McLaren and

Olivier Panis's Ligier. His run

was interrupted by an alterca-

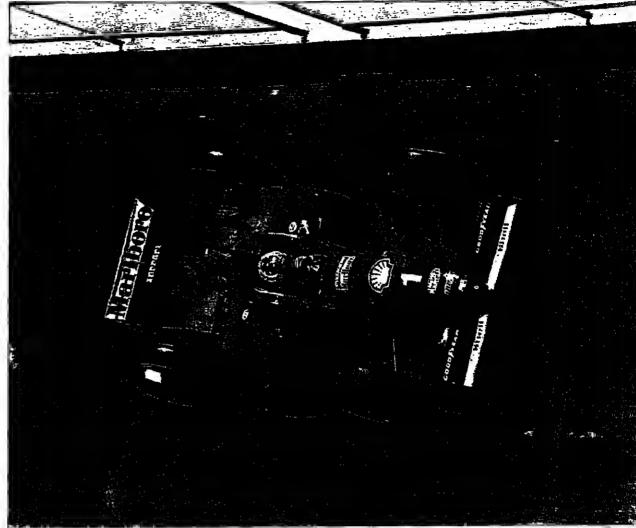
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set no the car." Williams spent all day juggling with the springs and dampers in its cars' suspension systems to try and find the optimum handling balance, and Hill added: "I have something in hand for qualifying."

Imola is of course a circuit that holds mixed memories for Hill and the Williams team. They won here last year but it was during the San Marino Grand Prix in 1994 that Ayrton Senna was killed while trying to resist the challenge of Schumacher and Benetton. As he goes out in search of his 15th pole position this afternoon Hill knows he must win here to exorcise the old ghosts of questions about his psychological frailty raised by his disappointing race in Germany last week. Cynics, meanwhile, say they will believe Ferrari's apparently dramatic progress if it is re-Grantatic progress if it is repeated today — and tomorrow.

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Michael Schumacher pushes his Ferrari to the fastest time in practice yesterday

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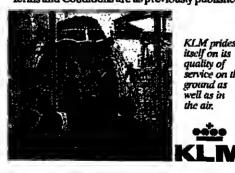
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Double-chasers to give and receive no quarter

Twickenham will be resplendent today when 75,000 - a world-record attendance in club rugby - witness a fitting Pilkington Cup final between the two hest learns in England. both of whom announced last month that they would not be back for more next season.

How strange this rugby world has become with professionalism breaking out all over, and so many people apparently wanting to see it that HQ has been sold out for this match since before the quarter-finals, when Bath's and Leicester's arrival in the final could be no more than a

would voluntarily forgo next scason and somehow the thought of their own incestuous cup competition culminating in a game at, say, Wembley does not have the same allure. Always provided the Rugby Football Union does not find a way of overshadowing today's august occasion, this fundamental and rather awkward truth will be

Given the unpredictability of the RFU/clubs dispute - you know, the one about how professional club rugby is to be controlled and financed - nothing about cup-final day should be taken for granted. Indeed, it needs

handsomely revealed.

Wasps in the 1995 final was large-ly forgotten because the umon and that's what we play at chose that very day to depose Will Carling as England captain.

If we can forget the politicking for one afternoon, we could should - be in for a treat. But alas for optimism, matches between Bath and Leicester habitually promise more than they deliver, the awful 1994 final being a case in point, but if for once the theory of a fascinating clash of styles could be matched in practice, it would be a grand finale.

offers this nugget: "We won't re-veal our tactics, but everyone knows where our strength lies." What fun it is for Dean Richards to pretend that his Leicester side, who have built So at least Bath know what to results and reputation on imexpect. They've taken a lnt of movable and to an extent imflak for their style, but as they've only a 12-month hindsight to see mobile forward play, should dealt effectively with us in recent that Bath's display in thrashing anticipate quite the opposite.

should not be expected to con-tribute greatly in that respect.

Back in the real world, Richards

neutral's opinion of this type of Leicester week-in week-out," he quipped for the benefit of telerugby - and there is no such vision viewers the other day. thing as a neutral at Welford Road when Richards is numbling Doubtless the final could do with being "fast and open". up the middle of the field - it is but not withstanding the con-summate finishing of their wings Rory Underwood and Steve Hackney, the Tigers undeniably effective, so much so that the only unpredictable thing about it is that now and

again Leicester lose. Last Saturday, Harlequins achieved what only Bath and Saracens had done this season, and the league title duly reverted to Bath from Leicester. Experience, both their own and of others, teaches the reinstated champions that although they have to match the muscular Tigers at close quarters, the optimum course is actually to avoid

them," Phil de Glanville, the close quarters in the first place. Bath captain, said. Whatever a Anyone looking at the two sides would realise that the way one might think they could beat the other would be to keep the game fairly close, and the other side might play in a more flexible manner." Brian Ashton. the Bath coach, said. No prizes for guessing which is which.

The absence of the injured Jeremy Guscott and Ben Clarke will disturb Bath more than they might care to admit, but Bath's strength has always been more collective than individual. With the Double in their sights, it is un-thinkable to buck against them.

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Points to prove: Bath and Leicester each have a man eager to impress the England selectors and capable of turning the final

Callard can rely on mental toughness

Bath - being indispens-able, it is stretching a point to suppose that Jonathan Callard is the man the champions and would-be cup-winners cannot do without. But that is the way it looks after a baleful experience at the hands of his club selectors.

Moreover, when Bath play Leicester in this afternoon's Pilkington final before an international-sized crowd of 75,000 at Twickenham, Callard will also have a point to make to England's selectors. In his alltoo-brief Test career he has scored at an average very nearly as high as the 14 points per game of the New Zealand metronome Grant Fox. It has not sufficed. Jack Row-

ell wants a "strike" full-back and the consistent Callard is evidently not it. That he has remained on the England bench is a tribute to his usefulness, if not quite indispensability, but when Bath also put him there nnly two months ago, remember - it was complete folly as well

as fundamentally unfair. Not that Callard let it affect him other than as a stimulus. "I've been through it before. had the experience, and know go overboard in self-justification and anyway the only thing to do was to fight it out."

Callard, who was 30 on New Year's Day, has this season been an unfortunate victim of circumstances beyond his control. Recalled to win his lifth cap against South Africa last November, he then promptly lost his place when Rowell decided he did not like the look of Mike Catt at outside-half and wanted him back at full-back.

Catt subsequently informed Bath he wished to be considered only in his England position and after Callard had missed most

o one - least of all at of his kieks in the narrow-Bath - being indispens- squeak cup-tie at Wakefield he was dropped by Bath too, though he wryly reflects that three different excuses were made by three different people: captain, coach and manager.
As it turned out, Callard was

a replacement only once - the quarter-final at Bristol - and his value was definitively proved when Bath, Callard-less because be was attending a memorial service, lost last month at Gloucester, a defeat that very nearly cost them the championship. Coincidentally, the reluctant Catt has been playing out of his skin at stand-off.

"I look back now on the South Africa game and, even accepting we made basic mistakes, we weren't given a second chance to see if we were good enough against the Western Samoans in the next match," he said. "There was a knock-on effect because of Mike's desire to play full-back but I believe the club are better off playing the

pair of us than pitting one against the other."
So it has transpired. Once the Gloucester defeat had happened, there was never any doubt that Catt would be the cup-final outside-half and lard the full-back, with Richard Butland, who missed the kicks at Kingshohn, now consigned to the replacement role.

Over recent weeks Callard

has been considering his future, one of the many who have heen subject to approaches from other clubs. As his relationship with Bath has always appeared equivocal, it would be no great surprise if he took what was on offer elsewhere - except that the hire and allure of this great rugby institution remain almost impossible to resist. Callard was born in Leices-

ter - a nice irony, given today's opposition - of Welsh parents



Jonathan Callard, Bath's full-back

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but was raised in Newport and made it as far as an extended Wales training squad during his time with the Newport club. In fact his move to Bath in 1989 was prompted mainly by a desire to enhance his Wales chances, but within weeks of the change he had been offered and accepted a place on an England B tour to Spain.

The following season he withstood the challenge of another newly arrived full-hack. Jon Webb, and played in the cupfinal annihilation of Gloucester. But in the 1990-91 season Webb. who went on to become England's record scorer, established himself and Callard had to content himself with mostly second-team rugby for three

Small wonder, then, that he is so fatalistic. Almost as soon

as Webb had retired in 1993, Callard himself was the England full-back, most memorably landing the last-kick winning penalty against Scotland in 1994. What was that about triumpb and disaster? That phase of the Murrayfield hero's England career was to last one more match.

You can't fully appreciate the good times without going through the had as well," he said. "Being at Bath instils you with the mental toughness to get through the disappointments. It's almost a form of character assassination but you do come through it a better person. If you don't, you've failed anyway." Meaning that for Jon Callard failure would he no more or less than losing to Leicester today.

Back looking forward to ferocious game

men he describes as the the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham, he resumes rivalry with a player he does not look up to, at least in the physical sense. Back against Andy Robinson promises to be an open-side

show that will run and run. We don't really talk off the field," Back said. "We have a silent respect for each other." Both are old fashioned tearaway flankers. They may not win possession in the line-out but their speed provides a vital link between forwards and backs. By nature they are attacking players and also decisive tacklers.

"Andy is a bit smaller than me although he wouldn't like to bear it," Back said. "In any case, size has nothing to do with it You're either good enough or you're not.

The other thing they have in common is that both have been rejected by England. Jack Rowell, the manager, himself a former back row forward of the extra large school, believes hig is beautiful although he had a re-think following the annihilation of the England back row (Tim Rodber, Dean Richards and Ben Clarke) in the World Cup semi-final against New Zealand in Cape Town last summer.

Back to the future? It did not work out like that. "Jack said he would revert to an out and out open-side flanker for this season and that took huge pressure off me," Back said. "I thought at long last I'm no longer competing against the back row giants. I felt relaxed, confident." Back

took another kick in the teeth. For the game against South Africa at Twickenham last November. Rowell went for an out and out open-side but it was not Back it was Robinson, "Andy hadn't been in the England

eil Back has spent his squad for five years so I was to-career in the shadow of tally bemused," Back said. "It has never been explained to me. I had a conversation with Jack but it wasn't very constructive. Although I was confused I wasn't disheartened because Andy and I are of similar stature and I still thought there was a place for me."

He thought wrong. Out went Robinson — "I thought he had a good game against the Springboks." Back said - and in came the towering figure of Lawrence Dallaglio. For the first time since 1985 Back is not part of an England squad although he played for his country in the Hong Kong Sevens. He has been through the lot -England Under 18's, Colts and the B team before winning his first full cap against Scotland

It was the first of only five. No sooner had he established a place for himself in the World Cup, playing in the victories over Argentina, Italy and Western Samoa than he pulled a hamstring. "I've been playing rugby for 20 years and that's the first muscle I've ever pulled. The timing couldn't have been worse. Things were going really well and I'd have probably played against Australia in the quarterfinals. Instead the big men came back into Jack's head."

England, of course, beat Australia with Rob Andrew's famous drop goal hut were hammered by the All Blacks and Back thought he would win back his place for the thirdfourth place play-off against France. Again he thought wrong and Rowell kept faith with a jaded team. "That was terribly disappointing," Back said, "but I've got a strong chin. I've taken enough knocks."

This season Back, at 5ft 10in an inch or two tailer than Robin-



fittest I've ever been."

If that curious blond mane (a cross between a floppy wedge and an Eton cut - the man to hlame is his elder brother lan, a hair stylist) has been less in evidence this season it is perhaps down to the Leicester style and more responsibility at work. Back, who is 27, heads a team of 12 as a personal pensions supervisor. "The halancing act between work and play is becoming very tough. I've got five good years left in rugby. I still want to play for England

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The retiring Bezani plays down emotion

separate Pontypridd and Neath for the Swalec Cup final at Cardiff Arms Park today but if emotion was a factor then Nigel Bezani's team would be clear favourites. Bezani retires at the end of the season at the age of 39 and despite captaining one of the most consistently successful sides in Wales his cupboard is bare. Pontypridd have appeared in

two finals and lost them both, to Bridgend in 1979 and to Swansea last year when they also finished runners-up in the league. Bezani, whose nine-year-old daughter Lucy will accompany him as the club's "official mascor" when he leads out the team, said: This match is not about a fond farewell for Nigel Bezani because there is no room for sentiment in a cup final. Instead it is all about our players going back to the Arms Park to prove that we NEATH v PONTYPRIDD

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Pontypridd pursue calmness in today's Swalec Cup final. Tim Glover reports

are no longer an unfashionable club and that we deserve a place among the elite."

Twelve months ago Pontypridd stayed in a Cardiff hotel prior to the final, which they lost 17-12, and Bezani admits it was a mistake. "We became more and more wound up and all it did was to add to the nervous tension." Pontypridd suffered from stage fright and Neil Jenk-

ins missed a string of penalties. This season Jenkins has scored 88 points in four cup games and if the final was to be decided on goal-kicking, the form of the Wales outside-half gives Pontypridd an edge. Although Patrick Horgan, the Neath scrum-half,

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landed a match-winning penalty against Newport in the semi-final he is not regarded as a specialist kicker. But then the Neath style has very little to do with kicking, and all to do with moving the ball

> Paul John, Horgan's opposite number, believes Jenkins is playing the best rughy of his career. "Everyone knows he is a superb goal-kicker but he has not had the credit he deserves for leading the line. We know we have played

some excellent rugby in the last five years without winning anything but that does not increase the pressure on us. Last year we froze. That won't happen again. We are older and wiser." They are certainly older than

Neath who have the youngest back line ever to appear in a final. Darryl Jones, a teacher at Neath College, has eight of his former pupils in a team capable of playing breathtaking rugby.

Jones, though, is resigned to running what amounts to a fin-

ishing school and the final will be the swan-song for the Llewellyn brothers, Gareth and Glyn, who are joining Harlequins and Wasps. "We have a development programme that ensures that any losses will be limited." Jones said. "If a player has a good offer we won't stand in his way although we would make sure he went for the right reasons."

Neath were the first club to win the Cup, in 1972, and they have never met Pontypridd in the competition. "I don't think either team can be optimistic," Jones said. "We can win the Cup if we perform as we are capahle but I imagine Pontypridd feel exactly the same."

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Cecil in shape to storm back

bles of Henry Cecil, they run up the family ensign whenever a Group winner returns home. At Newmarket racecourse this afternoon, the trainer, metaphorfingers if Storm Trooper manages to capture the 2.000 Guineas.

Victory per se will not obeer Cecil. His joy will come from seeing one bearded face among the ranks of the vanquished, the features that belong to Sbeikh Muhammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

It is now seven months since his younger the most successful trainer-days, and his racing was severed. Cecil and the Sheikh are both too opinsults spewed out meessantly. But then, last year, came reports that the owner was displeased by the input of Cecil's wife, Natalie. and, terminally, there was disagreement over the condition of a horse that was being prepared for Ascot's Royal Lodge Stakes. Sheikh Mohammed sent over

a convoy of boxes to collect his 35 magnificently bred horses and as Cecil watched the vehicles leave it must have been like seeing hullion trucks disappearing over the horizon.

The circle is completed this afternoon when the colt that caused the final fissure in the partnership. Mark Of Esteem. lines up as one of the more potent challengers to Storm

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At Warren Place, the lofty sta- Richard Edmondson on the renewed zest of a 10-times champion trainer

would be rather embarrassing

years ago he split from his

first wife Julie,

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and remarried

"People are wondering if I can live without Sheikh Mo-hammed," he said. "I don't

want to comment too much on

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As his other patrons include Lord Howard de Walden, who

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aeroplane ramp in Britain this week his well-being was palpa-ble. But then Cecil does not

having your father coming to school in a wheelchair, don't you look too bad himself. But Cecil, who has also lost The loss of a principal owna stone in weight, was not just thinking of others. He wanted er could have sent the trainer into a ruinous spiral, but, at 53. be looks as presentable as he to be in the best physical shape has for many years. The words alcohol and cigarettes are no to combat the second large crisis of his career. longer scribhled on the shop-Henry Richard Amherst Ce-

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the most successful trainer-owner partnership in modern present absti- Every year you nence may have something ionated to melt into a harmo-nious relationship, but both could stand the other as the retwin brother, ambitious and David, who fought a battle I want to stay with the bottle in which, for near the top'

> looked like finishing runner-up. The dreadful fracture at Warren Place and weed has also gone, which must now he must prove be can suchave been quite a sacrifice tor ceed without another long-term a man who for many years looked as though he had been born with six digits.

"I haven't drunk for about two and a half years and 1 gave up smoking over a year ago," he said this week. "I went from cigars to Players to Silk Cut, about 40 or 50 a day, to nothing.

I was in my study doing some work, smoking a cigarette and Jake [his two-year-old son] Mark Of Esteem has win- came crawling in, I'm old tered in Dubai as a member of enough to be his grandfather owns chunks of the West End, the Sheikh's Godolphin team anyway and I thought it might Wafic Said and the Saudi

minently be spotted rattling a tin outside our racecourses.

But Sheikh Mohammed is

the owner everyone remembers and he is a personality that Cecil himself can hardly ignore either. When he rises every morning the trainer cannot fail to notice the edifice next door, a huge, well-scrubbed trading estate number of a building, which is the Maktoums' home in Newmarket. The gritles on the impressive front gate have been filled in to frustrate pry-

Dubai's royal family are in-frequent visitors, but rumours about the place are plentiful. The walls are said to extend 10ft underground and local chat has it that several keys are needed to get in, the last boh being activated from Dubai itself.

Cecil, it seems, has been concentrating less on these quarters than the remainder of younger woman. There were almost his string this spring. Warren Place has got off to an unusuboos on the gallops. He survived that ally quick start, and its master bas been in unusually good

> pleasant symmetry about them. A posse of dark borses comes over the brim of Warren Hill followed, in great pulp cowboy movie tradition, by one flashing figure on a white steed. This is Cecil on the milky Impresario, a former Grade A showjumper who has been downgraded to the station of "the grey hack". Vehicle apart, the trainer is not hard to find, sporting his suede boots with blue tassles flicking in the wind, and a mushroom cap in the style once worn by the Rubettes.

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cil shouts out individual names

variably collects and he is as tious target for each, if this is husy supervising the visitors as the beginning of the decline for a 10-times champion trainer, a his own echelon on work mornings. This equine shepherding performance reminds of the bobby on the white horse at the man who has won 14 Classics within these shores alone, it is a fall well camouflaged. "Every year is a challenge and I'm en-joying it very much," he said. "In fact, I'm enjoying myself more now than I have for years."



Cecil: ambition undimmed

Photograph: George Selwyn

first Wemblev Cup Final. As the line thunders past, Cefollowed, usually, by an ambi-Sham pain on ice

as favourite falters

GREG WOOD

Bosra Sham, favourite for the 1,000 Gnineas since before Christmas and long odds-on for the past two weeks, is only an even-money chance just to reach the starting stalls after aggravating a minor foot injury in her final pre-Classic gallop on Thursday, Henry Cecil, her from Dubai bad not upset their trainer, may wait until "10 minutes before they go to post before committing his filly to

tomorrow's contest. "She worked brilliantly," Cecil said yesterday, "she really has come on a lot. But earlier on this morning she was actually lame. We re-did her foot, and by lunchtime she was sound, so it is just a question of keeping her

be guided by professional peo-

Punters should be warned that bets struck on runners other than Bosra Sham after yesterday's declaration deadline will be subject to a Rule 4 cut of up to 70 per cent if she does not run. An alternative is Ladbrokes' list without Bosra Sham, which offers: 7-4 Bint Salsahil,

There were two late jockey changes in the 1,000 Guineas yesterday. Frankie Dettori will ride Bint Shadayid for Godol phin, with David Harrison tak ing over on Maid For The Hill and Gary Carter aboard Pa

The fillies' Guineas will b the feature race on the first Sun day cards of 1996 (Salisbury als races tomorrow). The high street bookmakers, who moaned loudly about lack of in terest from punters last year, wi begin the new Sunday season is a more positive mood, with the Big Three firms opening almost all of their outlets, and most in dependent shops also ready to chase business. Whether a trip to the hetting shop on Sunday has yet become an accepted part of the British weekend - not "She will be given ice packs least on the day when the Premiership reaches its climax - re-

mains to be seen. Dettori got the Godolphin organisation's new campaign off to an ideal start in the Newmarket Stakes yesterday, and his loyal followers in the nation's shops were rewarded with 3-1 about Mick's Love, who may now enter the Derby reckoning. He is 16-1 with Hills for the Epsom Classic, though the Prix de Jockey-Club (French Derby) is

Dettori also rode Moonshell, the 1995 Oaks winner, but she was tailed off in the Jockey Club Stakes and has been retired.

and Pat Edday has chosen him in preference to Dementer baseds. Some introduct recents Henry Ceds, successful with Bolkonski (1975) and Wollow II 3 feb Danehall Dancer justified favourises in the Greenham on the return, but Almanth defected him most decisively by two and a half lengths or the Dewhurst The ex-Cest trained Mark of Esteven and American him and their debuts on the July Course and he comfortably lended the ocks as Goodwood on his only other start. He has made a good recovery from a leg injury and has writened in Duba. Reyal Applicates is yet another who did exceptionally well at two. He was stretching his underhated record to four when klaming Woodbarough four lengths in the Meddle Park over an Autories of this course, having previously get from they alread from Yusahleweded Ridge reserved 3tol in the Cancrack. However, there is a doubt about his ability to last home this stiff mile - he is out of Flying Melady fetho was a spiriter) and is half brother to speed yung Fautus, Richard Hennon, who won the with Mone Fils (1973), Don't Forget Me and Tirol (1990), is represented by Regiment, who won the Easter Stales over this journey at kemption on his return despite first being a skight doubt him getting the tip. He will need to show was an proviment to get into the sheke-up, however. The Mark Johnston-Jason Weever combine won with Mister Beleys in 1994 and Bijou D'Inde could gui well despite his Rop in the Royal Lodge. The stable won a Group Thrite exited Curragh a wice-upon his porationate Start, though runner-up Adord heart boosted the form since. Selection: ALHARTIM

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2.00: MUTAZZ, who stayed on strongly to beat Kippanour three lengths with the third It lengths adrift on similar going to this at Ludlow last time, can complete a

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hat-trick. Alzoom, also on a three-timer following his six lengths tri-umph over Snowy Petrel at Uttoxeter, rates the main danger.

2.36: SOHRAB, who returned to form when running Outset to 2½: lengths in a competitive handicap hurdle at the Aintree Grand National meeting, looks the best op-tion. Go-Informal, pulled up on soft ground at Punchestown last time, is an obvious danger on his best form, 8 remark which also applies

3.00: FLYING INSTRUCTOR, who came from a long way back to beat Dreams End (61b better off today) in good style at Ascot a month ago, is improving and can confirm the placings. Fourth In Line may pre-

fer softer ground. NEWMARKET 3.05: BARDY DANCER, 11/4 lengths third to Hazard A Guess and Special Dawn (1lb worse off) in Kempton's Rosebery Handicap on Easter Monday, will prefer this faster ground.

3.45: BEAUCHAMP KING, who beat Albaarth a nock in the Craven Stakes over course and distance looks sure to give a good account of himself. Alhaarth, who beat recent Greenham Stakes winner Danchill Dancer comfortably in the Dewhurst Stakes here last autum may be fitter this time though, and is a big danger. Storm Trooper, who showed speed and clocked a smart time when winning the nine-furlong Feilden Stakes at Newmarket, looks the best each-way ber.

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4.20: EASY OPTION, who put up some smart performances last year, would be suited by rain. Hever Golf Rose rates the main threat.

000 4.50: On fast ground JAYANNPEE has a fine chance. He is 5th lower in the handicep than when a close third in the Stewards Cup at Goodwood last year. Easy Sandown winner Mister Jokson is the danger.

8.00 Saskin's Hero 8.30 Quatrapol 7.00 Choisty 7.50 Bonzer 8.00 Admissio 8.30 Dorfin Castle





Mark Of Esteem poised to exploit the Alhaarth hype RICHARD EDMONDSON However, anecdotal testimony from the trial grounds has priced favouritism. To help him. When it comes to racing, the

> their outriders. Alhaarth, without doubt, is dire value. More worthy of consideration is his Craven Stakes conqueror, Beauchamp King, who is being

> > RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Mark Of Esteem (Newmarket 3.45) NB: Blue Iris (Newmarket 4.20)

Alhaarth, once again, seems level. It is an incongruity of this to be a flying machine, despite grey that while he has been winthe one piece of evidence we ning his last five races nobody witnessed at Newmarket last has thought he was any good. month. On that day, Dick Even his trainer, John Dunlop, Hern's colt did not seem to be considered him to be almost a the most tractable of partners stone below the highest level last for Willie Carson and looked year. Beauchamp King seems quite pedestrian when passed by Beauchamp King. Since then eclipse of the Craven third. Carson has voiced the belief that Alhaarth, the champion juve-Parioli (Italian 2,000 Guineas) nile, may have been at his peak on Sunday is a little worrying.

as a two-year-old and others Beauchamp King was just in have now caught bim up, that tront of Storm Trooper at Ashis best days are already in the cot last season and the latter's trainer. Henry Cecil, entertains

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III Racecourse is SW of fown on Al-804. Bus link from Carabradge and Newmarket stations. ADMRSSION: Clab 527 (16 to 25-year-olds 510): Grandstand & Pandock 512 (10 to 25-year-olds 51); Franchiser free.

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H Cocil - 50 winners from 2 18 runners at a ratio of 2.1 by gaining a return to a 51 level stake of \$4.13.16. J Gooden - 51 winners, 3 to runners, 1190. \$72.90. R Hannon - 14 winners, 517 runners, 8.500, 5200.75. R Hannon - 14 winners, 517 runners, 8.500, 5200.75. R Hannors, 200 runners, 12.00, \$400.01. E Commod - 30 winners, 2.8 runners, 12.00, \$500.52. M Stoute - 128 winners, 200 runners, 2.98 runners, 9.71% \$410.800 J Dundog - 27 winners, 25 t runners, 19.00.500.

thoughts of revenge. "Last year was considered just about the he was very weak and at Ascot torced Alhaarth back into short-briced favouritism. To help him.

the ground was very testing and he couldn't go on it at all, the colt has a pacemaker in he said this week, "On faster Masehaab, which appears furground and with normal imther admission he is not the provement we might be able to great borse once predicted. give him [Beauchamp King] a The pantheon of racing's wonders does not have an annex for

said, became a consideration for the Classic almost as an afterthought. Before he won at the Craven meeting he was virtually an unknown among the betting

is a threat if he stays, but that if is the size of the letters that depict Hollywood in the Californian hills. Danehill Dancer provider of subsequent Guineas winners) appears to he, it will be a disappointment if he is the cream of the Classic generation. until shortly before the race. While visitors to the Rowley Mile will be cupping Bovril in their bands today, Danehill Dancer's owner, Michael Tabor, will be sipping mint juleps as be watches other members of his string at Louisville in the Ken-

year until Sheikh Mohammed's September's Fillies Mile at Astrucks pulled up. At the time be cut.

best Warren Place had to offer, This colt is just a neck behind Alhaarth on last year's form and has subsequently spent a win-ter under a parasol in the Gulf, Team Godolphin again proved yesterday that a long flight

Storm Trooper, it must be constitution when Mick's Love won the Newmarket Stakes. It is no secret that Mick's Love and Mark Of Esteem were not considered to be in the same Emirate by Godolphin. The nearest they got to each other was in the dictionary and Barry Hills's Royal Applause

hling it seems senseless to desert their captain. Tomorrow's 1,000 Guineas is also has his supporters, but messy following the return of sound. She has done her work. worthy as the winner of the Bosra Sham's foot problems. driven out to almost each-way Greenham Stakes (a poor Some would argue the filly to take the soreness out and we could win the Classic with one could even use laser, but I will leg in a plaster cast, but whether sbe runs at all will not be known ple. We've still got two days."

with his team once again bub-

Her absence would seriously devalue the event but it will hardly have winning connections wailing in anguish. They may again he the band that has just unpacked as Bint Shadayid. the filly who looks as though she tucky Derby. has swallowed a wardrobe full of the funcied horses we are of coathangers, is the form left with. MARK OF ESTEEM choice for Godolphin on her (nap 3.45) was with Cecil last second to Bosra Sham in last

5-2 Bint Shadayid, 7-1 Dance an alternative. Sequence, Honest Guest and My Branch, 14-1 Matiya, 20-1 Maid For The Hills & My Melody Parkes, 25-1 har. 4.50 LADBROKES HANDICAP (CLASS C) £30,000 added 6f 64000-0 JAYANNPEE (15) (ii) (J Pencual I Balang a 9 11 A Clark, 24 10000-1 SEIGNEIANAL (26) (ii) (The PET Group 6 Hannord 4 9 11 A Clark, 24 10000-6 NEWER GOLF (250) (ii) (Herer Roang Clab) T J Naughton 4 9 11 Pet Ebbery 23 81000-6 ROCK STREPHONY (8) (iii) (Mrs C E Fasther) W Haggins 6 9 8 A SEIGNEIAN (15) (iii) (Mrs C E Fasther) W Haggins 6 9 8 Fasther 0 Goodman 9 64000-0 JAYANNEPEE (15) (0) (J Pancosa) | Baking 5 9 11.

3.05 TORCH MOTOR POLICIES AT LLOYDS RATED HANDICAP CLASS B) £15,000 added 1m 2f
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2 101032 VERZEN (154) (C) (Secont Marrana) O Louise 4 9 5
3 4104:0 KORMARI (182) (8 H Yook) C British 4 9 0 B Doyle 1
4 11000-2 SPECIAL DAWN (26) (CD) (BF) (Windlowe Holdings) J Dunlop 8 8 13
5 06102-0 WILCOMA (IA) (T G Witnest P Makin 58 13
6 3450-03 HARDY DANCER (26) (Pear L Higson) G L Moore 4 8 10S Walmorth 2
7 4400-00 AT LIBERTY (17) (D) (Bruce Adams; R Harmon 4 8 10
8 0402-0- TIME FOR ACTION (182) (Mis G A E Smith) M Tomplets 4 8 10 PRoblemon 6
9 20050-0 AMRAK AJEEB (17) (D) AT Merzzi B Hanbury 4 2'8
10 112160 MY LEARNED PRIEND (196) (D) (Mrs J Roberts) A Hole 5 8 7
11. 211-6 SEYOND DOCRT (42) (D) (The Queen) Lord Humaniston 4.8.7
12 4333.5 MAJOR CHANGE (198) (Mrs C J Powell R Hannon 4 8 7
15 CONCID- POLYDANIAS (205) (0) (Athos Christophicu) M Stoure 4.8.7
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FORTH GUIDE

The booking of Mich Kinane for WILLDIMA certainly catches the eye. Peter Makin's, five-year-old, probably in need of the race when ninth of 20 to Royal Philosopher in the Newbory Soring Cup on its reburn, challed up a rest-trick the session before lest, winning at Lescesor, femption and Sondown, while he went in at Haydock last term. Another good effort was his short head defeat by Smart Generation at Newbury last October - Hardy Denoor and Assirak Ajeeb a long way admit. Hardy Denoer landed his first two races last term and left that Newbury not style 4 King way behind when third behind hazard A Guess and Special Dewin in the Rossey, a Kempten four weeks ago, beaten threequarters of a length and a half a fength. However, Sereol Dewin - who won that more a year ago - was racing for the first time since October than and chould confirm the form on marginally worse terms. Another and can since the benefit of an outing is. Beyond Downt.

Selection: WILCIMA

4	.20	DUBAI RACING CLUB PALACE HOUSE STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) £32,000 added 5f
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õ		DOUBLE QUICK (219) (CD) (2nd Middleham Partnership) M Johnston 4 89 J Whomes 9
i	10-11-3	EASY OFFICIN (38) (D) -Gottophru Saees bri Surger 4 8 9
8		EVERBNGPERFORMANCE (216) (CD) Mrs David Blackburn; R Candy 5.89
9	61034-0	LUCKY LIONES, (USA) (17) (CO) (Antonio Balzami) R Harrion 3 8 9
10		LUCKY PARKES (35) (D) Joseph Helen J Berry 689
11	11212-1	WESTCOURG MAGIC (28) (D) IN Hodgsom M W Easterby 3 8 3 R Deplay 4
12		BLUE IRIS (205; (D) IM A Javas M Javas 3 80 P Hobbason 3
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10-1 Stragger, 12-1 others 19-5: Marc Games, 1-3-5 J Carroll 4-1, 3 Berry, 14 ran FORM GUIDE

WESTWATE MAGIC went from strength to strength as a puventle and graduoted from sellers to listed company. It is five victories included the Harry Rosapery at Ayr's Western meeting and he wound up with a second on the Group Three Comwalts, Stakes at Assoc. Although looking in need of ito owhering, Mack Easterby's numer bottled in by more than three lengths at Haydock four weeks ago in a Listed race won by Mind Games before he went on to land this a year ago, Hever Golf Rose scored eight times in 1995, including the living George Stakes at Goodwood and the Pix de Pabayer this two own and a half lengths at Longshamp in October. She had a gallop after racing at Newbury two weeks ago and, although though though to improve for this, should go close. Evening performance a length numer-up in this last year. Easy Option and Gool Jazz Insched third, fourth and severith of 1.2 in the Longshamp race.

- 24 declared - Afrikano weight: 7sr 10th. La Tenseri 7sr 9th, Gone Sevage 7sr 9th, Alch Glow 7st 6th, BETTHAR 6-1 Mister Joinen, 8-1 Ro Haver Golf, 9-1 French Grit, 12-1 Conferent Lad, Juny erein, 14-1 Montestrot, Bock Symphony, Sir Josy, Tiler, 15-1 Seigneuriei, Staffed, 20-1 others 1995: Sesseso 5 9 3 Emma O'Gorman 20-1 (W O'Gorman) 21 ran FORM GUIDE GO HEVER GOLF, half-brother to Hever Golf Rose, has a favoured high draw and, with Par Eddery booked, can lead home this cayalty charge even if he hasn't nood since August. He won two of his first three starts in 1995, at Woherhampton and at Chester. Seigneurial, well drawn when dead-heating with subsequent scorer Latching in a field of 25 at Kempaon four weeds ago, had Milester Jobson, Montheerent and 51 July (third in this last year) in fourth, fifth and 11th. Master Jobson, who this shed strongly from a poor draw at Kempton, stormed home by a couple of tengths from Str Joey (16th better) at Sandown last week-

stormed home by a couple of lengths from Sir Joey (6th better) at Sandown less week – Gone Savage and Rock Symphony leth and sixth of 17. On 2th better terms, Mister Joison can turn around Kempton form with Segreunal, and can confirm Sandown running. Ther, Cestienes Lad and French Grit, lourth, fifth and sorth of a big field behind Super Berz at Ripon, should again be prominent – together with Sasseedo winner of this in 1995; and Pennyston View.

5.20 CHIPPENHAM PARK STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added | 1 | 11111 | 11 | 12 | 1111 | 12 | 1111 | 12 | 1111 | 12 | 1111 | 12 | 1111 | 12 | 1111 | 12 | 1111 | 12 | 1111 | 12 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1111 | 1

BETTING: 6-4 Cap Julica, 7-2 Juris, 6-1 Saccasse, Florid, 8-1 Timeshann, Murajin, 25-1 others 1995: Baron Fernmend 5-9 0 Pat Eddery 2-1 (R Charlton) 4-ran

10.0% 498.75. ILRADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery - 108 women, 460 mirs. 22.4%. +\1 10, L Dettorl - 15 women, 402 mirs. 1 19%. 51 for 28. W 2 for induces. - 54 women, 571 rides. 14.6%. 52.57. W Carson - 49 women, 496 rides. 10.7% 408.62. M Roberts - 45 winners, 596 rides. 11.7%. 5117.22. M Hills - 31 winners, 310 rides. 10.7%. 540.72. BLINKERS DETAIL TOMER Some WINNERS IN THE LAST NEVEN DAYS: Note LONG-OUSTANGE RUNNERS: Monteservat (4.50) has been sent 320 miles from 1.6 Controlls. 10.6 and stand stable in Brown. 2.00 MAYER PARRY STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 3YO rell's Pulford stable in Deson DUSHYANTOR (USA) (198) ih Abdullah H Coti 9 0 Pat Eddery 3 LALLANS (8) (D) (Sheim Monam red) M Johnston 9 0. J Warren 2 SAMRAAN (USA) (28) ik M A-Multier J Dunlop 9 0 W Careon 1 - 3 dectar SETTING: 4-6 Dustryantor, 2-1 Sasoraan, 5-1 Lafacs 1995: Tamure 3 & 13 L Deport 4-5 U Goscon, 4 Tair 2.35 CITROEN FLEET MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) C4 added 2YO 5f - 7 declared - - 8ETTRIG: 7-4 About Zaruz, 3-1 Harwalf, 9-2 Grand Lad, 6-1 Teachers Recide, 8-1 Fuzziement, Jamie's Boy. 66-1 Protaras Bay 1995: Lucky Lonel 2 9 0 N Daney 6-1 IR Harnami 6 ran

FORM GUIDE Richard Hannon has won so juverile rose this season and sent out live?, note to land the corresponding event 12 months ago. The Maribonologin handler this time saddles 7 agran Roolde a 35,000 gray yearing and half-brother to three winners. Sam, Hills Hewalt, a gray Green Desert cott, has been going well on the gallops and the yard win the two year old race at Sandown eight days ago with Saboths. However ABOU 2012, 3 reported to be able to go a bit and is out of a half-satier to Prince Sabo and Milyant. He cost, 350,000 gray os a yearing and was later resold for 110,000 dollars.

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belane 3) /7/87 are shoped to amond fee of £12.50. Prices wand until 6/5/96. The said. "When I realised that tors breached the 1976 Euro-have to amend legislation." birth certificates and passborts." Imaging the woman birth certificates and passborts."

HAYDOCK HYPERION 2.00 Mutazz 3.30 Tullymurry Toff 2-30 Sohrab 4.05 Tonys Gift 3.00 Flying Instructor 4.35 Dream Ride GOING: Good. Left-hand course with imposing drop fences and pun-in of two forlongs. Recognize is near junction of A560 and M6. Newton station 2m. ADMINSTON: County Stand 5 i5; Tattersalls 59; Newton Stand 5 i0; Tattersalls 59; Newton Stand 5 id; Tattersalls 59; Newton Stand 5. CAR PARK: Five. SIS ELADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: M Pipe - 27 winners from 134 runners at a taile of 20.1% giving a return to a 31 level stake of -5.46.13; J FinsGerald - 16 winners, 67 runners, 25.3%, +516.54; N Twistcon-Davisco - 14 winners, 56 runners, 25.3%, +59.48; Mrs M Reveley - 11 winners, 44 runners, 25.3%, -50.82, -81.86; Mrs M Reveley - 11 winners, 44 runners, 25.3%, -50.82, -81.86; Mrs M Reveley - 11 winners, 44 runners, 25.3%, -50.82, -20 winners, 122 rides, 16.4%, -549.18; A Magather - 12 winners, 58 rides, 20.7%, -131.03; G Bradley - 10 winners, 39 rides, 25.6%, +522.08 BLINKERS FIRST TIME; Solution (2.00). Attaidate (visored) (3.30). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Tullymarry Toff (3.30) won at Market Resen Long-Distrance Eunners; Chief Minister (3.00) sent 247 miles from T Dyer's invergence stable in Tayside. 2.00 CROWTHER HOMES HELL NOOK HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B) £12,500 added 470 2m | POPULIE (CLASS B) 2.12,000 80080 410 201 | 1901.2 CHRODARI (23) 0) (RP) (Exus Ince Brg C 8 Harrey) 0 Noncison 11.10 ... R Durand 2.3 SWERRIGHS PWINDE (109) (CI) (RP) (RTOOM) N Hardesson 10.11 ... 3 R Kew 3310.12 SHEWINE EDGE (15) (D) (G Gazlam) 7 Eaglety 10.8 ... 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 10.1 - 5 speciares - THIRSK HYPERION 2.20 Braveheart 2.50 Montrestar 3.20 Kass hawa 3.55 Primo Lara 4.25 Mutadarra 4.55 (rel Of Hope GORNG: Good. STALLS: Round course - Inside; straight course - stands st DEAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5t & 6f; low for 7t & 1m. Left-hand course, level but quite sharp. Gourse is W of town on A01. Thirst station 1m. ADMISSI Chab \$12: Tattersalls \$8 (OAPs \$4); Pamily Enclosure \$3 (O \$1.5.0). Accompanied under-16s free. CAR PARK: Pamily Enclo \$9 per car including four adults plus all children; remainder (SIS PACING BLINEERED PIEST TIME: None. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS; Rambo Walter: [: wan at Ripon on Saturday; Barrel Of Hope (4.56) wen at P fract on Monday. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: None. 2.20 MARKET PLACE MEDIAN AUCTION MA EN STAKES (CLASS F) £4,500 2YO !

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HYPERION aveheart 2.50 Montrestar 3.20 Kass Al- 55 Primo Lara 4.25 Mutadarra 4.55 Bar- lope	9 60 SHART COS 10 5 SHART PLA 11 4 VELMEZ (11 12 0- GLODRAN 1 13 SHIRLEY VE	ENT L Currents 385	HEREFORD HYPERION 2.20 Dutosky 2.50 Merins Dream 3.55 Father Dowling 4.30 Mili O' Amari King 5.30 Drs Last
Good. Round course - inside; straight course - stands side. BVANTAGE: High for 5f & 6f; low for 7f & 1m. Init course, level but, quite sharp. Is W of town on A01. Thirsk straight 1m. ADMISSION: Tattersals S8 (OAPS 45): Family Enclosure 53 (OAPS compented under-16s free. CAR PARK: Pamily Enclosure including four adults plus all children; remainder free. RACING: RACING:	Sc Famoy, 10-1 Smart Fin 3-55 THERSK C) £15,0 1 334-311 PRIMO LAR 2 15000-4 CHCKARIC 3 114452 CHESTRAL 4 1234-00 FAME AGAR	W, 12-1 Veimar, 16-1 eithers HARNT CUP (HANCICAP) (CLASS DOO added Inn A (15) (C) P Feets 49 13 G Hiest 5 XA (20) 8 Paint 6 9 12 T Sprain 9 CHOR (11) (D) 1 (Eye 8 9 11 R Luppin 17 N (11) (D) Mais I Renation 4 9 8 N Kennedy 8 REY (USA) (12) 0 Nebraik 4 9 8	GOING: Good to firm. Eligia-hand course with 300yd run-in. Racerourse is north of city on A49. Here is one mile away. ADMOSSION: Gold 212; To enclosure £5. GAE PARE: Free. BLINKERED FIEST TIME: Ratabous (2.20) street, 2.50), Dash To The Phone (visored, 4.
IED PIRST TIME: None. 5 IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS; Rambe Waltzer (3.55) non Saurriny; Barrel Of Hope (4.55) won at Ponte-onday. STANCE EUNNERS; None.	8 18066-3 TERTINA (8) 7 50566-6 RORY (11) (8 8 5806-24 LOOKINGFO) 8 1130-00 UP IN FLAM 10 00-0050 CASTEL ROS	W J O'Cosmor 12 (7 D) M Wane 4 9 6 6 0 Williams, 15 (CD) Mis J Coci 5 9 5 M Henry (5) 16 RANGNEOW (22) (5) 6c6 Jones 8 8 4 A Daly (5) 7 E5 (7) (D) M Henmond 5 9 4 G Deffield 10 SSELD (E7) (D) R Henris 6 9 1 A Macley 11 (11) (D) S Verbingel 8 9 0 Dean Melforen 13	WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: No LONG-DISTANCE ETINNERS: Wysysrel Lag 221 miles by Mrs M Reveley Lingdale, from C dorse (2.50) sent 188 miles from F Murphy's north Yorkshire; Silver Spinnery (5.30) sent 18 win's Ashby-De-La-Zonch stable in Leicestershire.
MARKET PLACE MEDIAN AUCTION MAID-EN STAKES (CLASS F) £4,500 2YO 5F 80 BOLERO BRY (15) M W Extently 9 0	12 024600- SANDINOOR 13 162111 SANDIN WAL 14 00-4442 SOOTYTER 15 643114 HIGH PREM 16 0000-00 SPANSE VI 17 624830 NAKINSKA (18 00-0240 WENTERDS RETINGS 4-1 Turthum, 5-3	R CHAMBRAY (225) T Engachy 6 8 13 M Birch 18 LTDER (7) (CD) O Nebrolls 4 8 13. Alex Gramme 2 N (5) (CD) J Bradley 8 8 12	2.20 TOTE PLACEPOT SELLII HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,50 1 1P-F71D RAINHAM (62) 0 McCan 9 12 0 2 020025 MUSTAHL (29) 07 R Hodge 7 13 13 3 372303 COUNNY PRINCE (26) A Jones 8 11 6 4 F2305P BISHOPS CASTLE (68) R Froz 8 11 4 6 404060 PHALAROPE (585) K Mogan 8 11 2 6 500 DITOSOY (26) R 059 Med 6 11 1 7 UFF045 CASHPLOW CRISIS (23) J Mules 8 10 3 8 F2300 DAND GLEMMAR (69) R JULES 8 10 3 8 F9000 WHATE THE LORGE (69) J TICK 7 10 11

7 TEAR WHITE MAD 80	- 18 declared -
5 ACCOUNTANCY LEADER 8 Paline 8 9 T Sociale 10	RETTINGS 4-1 Tertians, 5-1 Primo Lara, 6-1 Colestial Choir, 8-1 Rembo
GIPSY PRINCESS M W Easterby 8 8 I F Page 1.	Waltzer, 10-1 Lookingforaralphow, Fame Again, 12-1 others
10 5 MOLLY DRUMMOND (26) W Bisey 89	
11 THE WRIGHTONE G Oktood 89 A Colean (7) 6	
12 TOP OF THE FORM M Johnston 89 T Williams 9	4.25 MILLGATE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)
- 12 declared -	£5,100 added 3YO 7f
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Molly Drumewood, S-1 Solero Boy, 10-2 Engler To Please, 12-3 others	2 O BATTLE SPARK (USA) (14) C Cycer 8 0
	3 04 BOLLIN JACOB (10) T Easterby 9 0M Hireb 12
	4 33 DEPICTION (LIQ BIF) R GLOSS 90 L Charmock 11
2.50 BALDERSBY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100	6 00 GLORIA IMPERATOR (9) A Multipliant 9 0
added 5f	5 424- HAMBIERSTEIN (224) M Stone 8 0
1 00230-3 HERE COMES A STAR (15) (C b) J Car 8 10 Q A Collact 22,	
2 4000-00 CALL ME TM BUSE (14) (D) N Tinker 8 8 13	
3 1020-00 SALLY SLADE (8) (D) C Coper 49 11	8 . O NORDIC SEPT (DER) (LE) Mrs O Thomson 9 C
4 6100-00 MISINER TRADER (149 (D) Mrs.) Ramsden 59 11. M Dearling 8	
	10 5 SURF CITY (10) W Hand 90 Dele Gibeon 8
5 01234-0 THE SCYTHIAN (24) (D) Bob Jones 4 9 10 A Daily (6) 41. 6 3/45623- PALO BLANCO (206) (CD) T Barron 5 9 10 Transled 8	11 44-3442 CLASSIC BEAUTY (14) R Hants 8 8 A Madday 13
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9 412021 CHADWELL HALL (16) (D) S Bowing 5 9 2 .C Trangers (b) 8 B	- 14 decisred -
10 0000-60 BEAU VENTURE (USA) (149 (D) FLee 8 9 2	BETTRIG: 6-4 Hammerstein, 9-4 Instadorra, 3-1 Bolin Jacob, 12-1 De-
11. 642050- SRIK COTTAGE (180) R Wheeler 4 8 12 Date Glace 10	piction, Altabani, 14-1 Clausic Beauty, 20-1 others
12 0-05360 GAGARRIU (10) (D) P Bons 3 8 11 8 Had 35	
13 0.62242 MONTRESTAR (7) (D) P.Com 3 810	THE TOTAL PLANTED IN SEC. OF STREET
14 133320 TENOR (14) (CD) (RF) O Nichols 58 9	4 EE COMMOLD HANDIGHT (CLASS C) 21,000
15 223321 ANASHA (77) (D) MES G Kellevely 4 89	4.55 COKWOLD HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650
15 00-0005 STEPHENSONS ROCKET (LAT (CD) O Micholt 588	· 1 214-0 STORM BED (USA) (30) (D) E Dunlop 4 10 0
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3	10120-0	QUILLENG (11) (D) M Docts 497 Doors McKeows 7
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11	1246-20	IT'S ACADEMIC (6) (D) (BF) Mrs J Remisters 488
		M Deering 16
12	50-1305	BARQASH (15) (D) P Extra 487
13	405500	ALLEGON'S MOTE (7) (D) 70 Barran 88 6
14	0030-05	THE YOUR LADY (7) (C) 8 McMehoo 5 8 6
		NASHART (USA)
10	0.12006	WHITE SORBEL (15) (D) A Hartson 58 2 Stock (3) 2
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		Pride Of Peedle, 12-1 Galling, 14-1 others

3.00 CROWTHER HOMES SWINTON HANDICAP FUR- DLE (CLASS A) (Grade 3) £35,000 added 2m	BBC1
1 1F 2303 LAND AFRE (1A) (D) (T) Food P Webber 9 12 0	JAL P Scott (7)
2 10-FSPO OH 90 ROSKY (36) (D) The On So Risky Syndicates D Essents 9 11 13	A Proche
3 1-32205 CHIEF MINISTER (1A) (CD) (6 Shell 7 Der 7 11 10	R Democaly
4 003201 STORETH (35) (D) (The Voice Group Ltd) Mee H Kingle 5 11 8	.Nr J Collecty (3)
5 405321 FOLUTH IN LINE (1.1) (D) (Mrs & Jenkinson) J Edwards 8 10 10	
6 364356 NON VINTAGE (14) (D) (Alan Mann) M Creapmen 5 10 10	.W Worthington
7 142440 SPEEDWELL PRINCE (37) (D) (Bar Figures Partnership) N 7-Daves 8 to 1	()C Liowelly e
8 221015 TRAGIC HERO (5) (D) Glagat Hawks Portneshop M Pipe 4 10 8	D Britgarine S
8 10PO40 THORNTON GATE (21) (CD) (T H Bennett) T Easterby 7 10 9	L \\\\\
10 341136 STAR RAGE (\$1) (D) (RF) U David Abell J L Homs 6 10 7	G Bradley
11. 04-0112 CHANNING CORL (USA) (37) (C) (C Covery O Shenwood 5.10 7	J A McCartiny
12 001-001 PALACEBASE NING (81) (CD) (Cras N Whitens) A Whitens 7 10 7	it tierding
13 P02023 DREAMS END (25) (CD) (BP) (T G Proct) P Boven 8 10 7	R Fernant
14 3-01611 PLYING INSTRUCTOR (33) (ID) (Lady Lyell) P Mesons 6 10 4	it Believy
15 036311 SONNEZ (1/4) (D) (G Western) Mrs N Macaulay 5 10 4	
15 41-0423 CASTLE SECRET (17) (Mrs Ruth Burchell O Burchell 10 10 0	D .) Deschol l
17 112064 KANTAK (S) (CD) (C) Musphy) C≥1 5 10 0	F icety (3)
18 5-121RE MONICASMAN (14) (D) (Ambrose Turnbull) A James 6 10 D	
19 315034 DOWN THE FELL (25) (D) U Howard Johnson J Howard Johnson 7 10 0	P Carboary
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ister, Star Rage, 14-1 Fourth in Line, Thornton Gate, 16-1 Monicostupe, 20-1 other	215
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3.55 STRONGBOW HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £4,000 added 3m 1f 110yds

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11 347000 MAGEOTS SREEN (26) (C) | Bracky 9 10 0 R. Johnson
12 284624 BANARD BRY (29) (0) 6 Barnett 12 10 0 Mr 5 Leepy 8
13 653532 PRIJUSKY PERKY (26) R. Frest 8 10 0 J. Frest 8
14 UPPOS CLONEN AROUND (26) (G) | Natsby 8 10 0 R. Devis

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SECTIVEL 7-2 Two Enough, 4-1 Fether Donding, 8-1 Beautown BH, L'Uon Phe, 10-1 Waterford Castle, Sward Bey, 12-1 others

___ Mr it Thornton (7)

1	3.30 CROWTHER HOMES NEW FLORIDA HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B) £7,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £4,993
m	1 1134 P.2 RUSTY REEL (24) (S M Penyr Mass H Angle 6 11 10
	2 60-0000 ATTABALE (15) (The Law Pyoe (Thoroughbrids) Lab I, Lungo 8.11, 10
ody	3 033532 WHITE WILLOW (24) (II North) Mas M Rousley 7 11.8
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iyur -	5 32313F UNICLE INEEDITY (25) (D) (Richard Seed) J Criteria 811 0
Cition .	6 1P01-61 GROUSEBAN (26) (Accords) Mass H Knops 10 10 8
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w 8	8 3-5151 TULL TOWNERY TOFF (T) (D) (J H Misson AM) J H Robert J M Jederson 5 10-4 L Myor
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	BETTRIC: 5-2 Groundman, 9-2 White Willow, 8-1 Rusty Rust, Unite Kestry, 7-1 Attachis, Tollymonry
ant .	Toff, 10-1 Manalate, 14-1 others.
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(2)	4.05 CROWTHER HOMES EDGE GREEN NOVICE CLAIMING HUR- DLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £2,448
ribe	1 42-3152 RELEGIO (II) (III-II) (ILLETON RESOURCE) P Montento 7 11 4
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	6 613161 TOKES GET (3) (The Blue Chip Gough M Port 4 10 7
	METTING: 5-4 Tranys GMR, 2-1 Railegie, 8-1 Senso, Rivers Snd, Mrs Hobigson, 12-1 Tokum
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3.55 Father Dowling 4.30 Mill O'The Rags 5.00 Amari King 5.30 Drs Last
GOING: Good to firm. Eligin-band course with 300yd run-in. Electrourse is north of city on A49. Hereford railway station is one mile away. ADMINISTION: Clob \$122; Tameraellis \$9; course enclosure £5. GAE PARE: Free.
BLINKERED FIEST TIME: Rainbox (2.90), Falmouth Bay (vi- sored, 2.50), Bash To The Phone (visored, 4.30). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None. LONG-DISTANCE ETINNERS: Wyspard Lady (0.30) has been sent 221 miles by Mrs M Roveley Lingdale, from Circuland; Oaccastan- dores (2.50) sent 188 miles from P Murphy's Middlebum stable in north Yorkshire; Silver Spinnery (5.30) sent 188 miles from P 8 He- win's Ashby-De-La-Zouch stable in Leicestershire.
2.20 TOTE PLACEPOT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2m 1f
1 1P-F710 RABSHAM (52) 0 McCan 9 12 0 D McCain 9 2 020025 MILSTAHL (29) (0) R Hodges 7 12 11 T Descende (3) 8 3 372005 COUNTY PRINCE (26) A Jones 8 11 6 G Upton 4 P2009 BISHOPS CASTIE (898 Fires 8 11 4 J Proxi 6 404060 PHALAROPE (595) K Morgin 8 11 2 A 6 Smith 6 500 DINDSKY (295 R O'Switch 6 11 1 O O'Switch 6 11 1 R Johnson 8 F0300 WHAT'S Tyte JOKE (39) J Lock 7 10 11 M Richards 10 00144 LAMBSKOM (28) J Peerro 9 10 8 J Aspell (5) V 11 506436 GEDRISE LANE (31) (8F) F Jondon 8 10 8 J Lockler 12 003200 SEE-FAMALISHY (46) 8 Smen 8 10 7 J Lawrence 13 ASEJIP MINONAVOR (1928) P Bowen 9 10 0 J Markshi (3) 40 OPH-OF DABALANK (35) R Lee 7 10 0 J Markshi (3) R SWITCH (30) R PROCES 5 10 0 W Greentrex (7) 16 declared Midshin Missish (30) R SWITCH (30) R Proces 5 10 0 W Greentrex (7) 16 declared Midshin Missish (30) R John (40) R SWITCH (30) R SWITCH (30) R Proces 5 10 0 W Greentrex (7)
2.50 SUN VALLEY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E)
1 1PEZUP FRUMOUTH BRY (17) (b) \$ Shemated 7 11 9

2.20 Dutosky 2.50 Merlins Dream 3.25 Nova Run

FORM GUIDE A wat here by METAZZ will help to seale Dick hear/swenes as Alberto, goes for clastic gory at 3.45, and the COLL is up to the task after smaller-scade was at Wincombon and Lucion. His weight is about right fo

the cut as up to the task other smaller-goods was at Wincaston and Lucions. His weight is about right for what he has accioused and a worm up and on the Res 12 days ago will have but an edge on him. Absormed a Shrillar fast ground type as Mutazz efter wins ar Lucion and Wincaston. He started life with Henry Cacil and Could be anything after a way easy win from Snowy Peroel fast true. Sovereighte Parastic code, a sinp off 10st 11th offer being subsequent Thumph Hundle between Pacity's Return on this counte. He was getting 12th one: "The and fluspect of Rempton afterweeds, but the could be his day egain now he returns trust. Chicodant has approved for blinkers with two smooth wins and may not have may stayed which conceding kamps of weight to Resourcest or Chebonham (Smith) assumes the Manual Chicken and the Sandard in section wouldn't have happen.

and a return to two miles up in the Sacour. Solidium made the transe of the Victor Luciolum here in February, post as Zacoon clid prior to winning this lest year. The feeter ground helped Zacoon, as it should So-

istuant, a former groupe of John Gosden and tred in blinkers for the first time. Shipping Edge is exposed and

may not be up to the tests of the 11th higher stang after the Wetherby wir, while forms seller namer High-hunk and Formetal sheld by Chander) also face a stem use.

2.30 CROWTHER HOMES LONG DISTANCE HURDLE BBC1. (CLASS B) £12,500 added 2m 7f 110yds

22-5120 TREASURE ADART (ST) (BF) Closed to Events 9 210 Michigan 5 11 0 ... S Dissessed OPES21 SURFER (CAR) (ST) (BF) Closed (SF) (SF) (She House Noticed) M Pipe 8 11 0 ... S Dissessed OPES21 SURFER (FR) (17) (Smoot Section) (Day 7 Forest 6 11 0 ... S Wyens 29-5120 TREASURE ADART (ST) (BF) (Obs. Plage Seytings) Mis Married Jones 7 11 0 ... D Bytos — 6 declared —

BETTPHE: 9-4 Sun Serier, 3-1 Solumb, 7-2 Juilille, 4-1 Go-Informal, 7-1 Treasure Again, 25-1 Gold-

FORM GLEDE

Surfer abouted stary the longer trip and he'll think it's Chiletones shoulding only 11st. He humped is stone inter-when besting Landed Genery at Chaptow and followed up at Chaltenham when piwing 20th to Jimmy's Cross, Go-Indonesia is the form horse on his Challenham second to Unibends. His has won on this tester ground,

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1	172	TAF	RED CROSS NOVICE HUROLE (CLASS E)
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ighes; Daholark Set 10th, Woodlands			-1 Laura Lee, Line Street Blees, 12-1 others.
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ylordinayor, 16-1 others	E	an	JAN-BREAK HUNTERS CHASE (CLASS H)
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(BF) 0 Sherwood 7 11 9			SEA SEARCH (1118) C Johnson 9 12 0 Mr R Thorston (7)
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		e for today's Kentucky	we thought we could run six or
Ι	Derby, 1	must defy a poor draw.	seven starters," Lukas, who had
		start from stall 19.	nominated 17 three-year-olds
•			for the \$1m Derby, said.
		imie Paragallo, Unbri-	
Ċ	led's S	ong's remains convinced	"We may not win this thing."
ŀ	is col	t can overcome that	Lukas continued. "But I bet you

		Held.	and three times in .
4.30	BODEN OLIVER NOVICE HANDICAP HUR- DLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f	Buzz Chace, Paragallo's rac- ing manager, added: "You have	of them in graded st But none is coming
		a horse with a lot of tactical	ry.
	HARLEQUIN WALK (26) (CD) R O'Sulvan 5 12 100 O'Sullivan		The five will to
	LADY CONFESS (282) John R Upson 6 11.2 Mr T Byron	speed. It's a long stretch of a	
	SWEET TREMINO (43) M Tate 5 11 1	quarter mile. If he can't estab-	number of Derby st
	Mill O'THE RAGS (26) (86) Mrs 0 Hane 7 10 11.	lish himself in a quarter-mile,	since 1981. Lukas, w
5 0024	LAURA LYE (23) 8 De Haan 6 10 9 Railton	we're in the wrong place. Wc	race with Winning
8 045120	JAVA SHRINE (J.4) J Tuck 5 10 9	shouldn't be in the race."	1988 and Thunder
	LINE STREET BLUES (976) S Christian 5 10 5M Kelighley (7)		year, insists he only
8 DD03P-0	TAYLORS INGUITYER (2019) R Price 5 10 4	D Wayne Lukas, a traincr	year, misists he thuy
9 00B532	COLMALL (6) R Alsop 5 10 3	with an excellent record in the	es for the race which
10 0000/-0	DUKE OF BUDWORTH (B) M Sheppard 6 10 0D Walsts (2)	Kentucky Derby, has expressed	chance.
11 006	DASH TO THE PHONE (99) K Morgan 4 10 0 A 5 Smith V		City By Night, a
	WORTH THE WAIT (67) F Jordan 5 100	disappointment about his five-	
_	- 12 declared -	strong challenge for the Classic	race, was scratched
Minimum neis	fit: 10st. True handicep weights: Date of Butworth 9st 13th.	- saying it still is not big enough	with an abscess on h
	thone 9st 100, Worth The Wall Set 12th.		foot.
	Mile O'The Rage, 4-1 Lady Confess, 5-1 Harlegein Walk,	in his opinion.	1001
	8-1 Laura Lye, Lime Street Bloes, 12-1 others.		
	JAN-BREAK HUNTERS CHASE (CLASS H)	RACING	RESULTS
5.00	JAM-BREAK HUNTERS CHASE (CLASS II)		
0.00	£2,500 added 2m 3f	NEWMARKET	3.55: 1. CLIFTON FOX
4 22.6345	AL HASSEM CLA) N Richas 12 12 7 Mr. N Richast (7)	2.00: 1. DAME LAURA (T Quern) 9-4 few;	5-2; 2. Ten Past Six 20-1
	AMARS KING (6) J Wall 12 12 7	2. Magical Times 9-2; 3. March Star 5-1.	7-2, 8 ram, 9-4 fav Loveyour
	FRANKLAR FREND (8) (CD) S Camore 10 12 7.Mr L Lay (7) 8	13 ram. 1, nk. (P Cole, Whateombel, 7oto:	1. (J Glover, Worksop), Total
	HAMPER (36) (D) Pers Buter 13 12 4 Mr N R Mitchell (7) 8	£2.70: £1.10, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £6.40. CSF:	£3.00, DF: £20.30, CSF: £ 4.30; 1, DANICO (A Daly)
	SEA SEARCH (1118) C Johnson 9 12 0Mr R Thousand (7)	£12.87. Trio: £7.00.	John 4-1 Tay 3, Flash in
		2.35: 1 ANGEL CHIMES (I Stack) 9-1;	ram, 1, 21/2, (S Wilhams, No
	TUFFRUT GEORGE (8) Mrs P Granger 9 12 ONF A Philips (7)	2. Solden Pond 15-2; 3. Warming Trends	£10.40; £2.80, £2.20, £1.
7 40g-P	BROWN BABY (80) S Génore 10 11 9	9-2, 11 ran, 4-1 fav Sky Dome (6th), Sh-hd, 144, U Banks, Newmarkett, Total: £17.80;	CSF: £65.67, Tra: £109.6
	- 7 dectared -	£4.10, £2.40, £1.90, DF; £63.80, CSF;	5.00: 1. FOREST BOY L
	Ameri King, 7-2 Testibut George, 9-2 Parellier Friend, 8-1 Al	£72.29. Togest: £322,36. Tro: £75,30. NR:	Green Gem 12-1; 3. Tab
Hastine, See	Search, 12-1 Humper, 16-1 Brown Buby	Welville.	8-11 fav Pasternak (5th). 3/
		3.05: 1 MICK'S LOVE (L Detton) 3-1; 2	liffe, Lamboum), Tota: £2.90
100	RED CROSS MARIES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT	Bahamian Knight 10-1: 3. Remooz 6-1. S	DF: £8.90. CSF: £23.14.
5.30		ram, 8-11 fav Clever Cliche (4th). Sh-hd, 2.	Placepot: £442.20. Quadr
	RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 added 2m 1f	(Saeed bin Surpor, Dubai). Tota: £2.90:	Place 6: £1,478.21. Place
1 1	WYNYARD LADY (61) Mrs M Reveloy 5 11, 12M Honington (7)	£1.50, £2.40. DF; £5.40, CSF; £23.44.	NEWTON AB
2	COOL VIRITUE Capt T Forster 5 11 5	3.40: 1. RIYADIAN (T Quinn) 10-11 fev.	1.50: 1. TILT TECH FLY
3 24	DPS LAST (44) M Pipe 8 11 5	2. Burgol 12-1; 3. Sacrament 12-1, 9 mm.	7-1; 2. Urben Lily 12-1;
4 0	PUMBLETON BROOK (26) M Pipe 5 11 5	Nk, 1. (P Cole, Whatcombe), 7ote: £2.10; £1.20, £1.90, £2.60, DF: £7.40, CSF:	9-2, 15 ran, 100-30 fev 700
	FLEXHING (36) T Hotard-Moran 8 11 5_Mr C Word Thomas	£12.04. Tro: £47.40.	(Lones). Tota: £9,20; £4.00
	PLOOSY (19) (RF) J Edwards 5 11.5 R Johnson	4.15: 1. BOLDEN TOUCH (W Carson)	DF: £26.90. CSF: £85.57. T
7	HOT MARY N Tresupy-Device 8 11 5	9-2: 2. Sollio 2-1 tov: 3. Askern 11-1, 12	Tricx £30.60.
8 0-	JAMES JUY (383) Graeme Roe 6 11 5 Martin Smith (7)	gan, 42, 242. (N Collegnan, Newmorket). Total	2.25: 1. AULO GEORG
ğ	PACETST Anthony Foster 5 11 5 D Floorges (7)	£3.80; £1.20, £1.70, £3.30, DF; £4.40, CSF;	11-10 fav. 2. Maple Dance
10	RAKAPOSHI MP C Jones 8 11 5 5 Ryon (5)	£13.14. Tricast: £85.93. Trio: £49.50.	Japain Lancaster 5-1. 6 res. :
74	Wall o'll all a bound of the second charles	4.50: 1. TA RIB (W Carson) 11-4; 2. Fate-	combet. Totac £1.90: £1.:

Place 6: £36.77, Place 5: £24.04.

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2.15: 1. TAZIBARI (Darien Moliati) 4-1; 2. Bolloro 7-2; 3. Life On The Street 4-7 to 8 ran. 4, 15. (D Moliat, Cartmel, Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £9,70. CSF:

handicap, "My only concern in

the race was getting knocked around in traffic. From the 19

post, I don't have to worry

He commented that even if his grey were "tied to the grandstand, he'll still beat this field".

about that," Paragallo said.

3.55: 1. CLETON FDX (S D Walenes)
5-2: 2. Ten Past Six 20-1: 3, Samastian
7-2: 8 ran, 9-4 ray (necounillors (4th), ½,
1. U Glover, Worksop), Total: 23.30; £1.50,
23.00, DF: £70.30, CSF: £33.90.
4.30: 1 DANICO (A Day) 7.41: 2, Alphae
Joler 4-1 fay; 3, Flash in The Pan 5-1, 9
ran, 1, 2½, IS Williams, Newmarkst), 70te:
£10.40; £2.80, £2.20, £1.80, DF: £11.20.
CSF: £65.67, Trac: £109.60.
Spot 1, FOREST BOY (I F Egin) 5-2; 2.
Greets Gem 12-1: 3, Tabriz 7-1, S ran,
8-11, fay Pasternak (5th), ¾, 3½, IK Moduliffe, Lamboum), Totale £2.90; £2.30, £3.00. ck) 9-1; Trends , Sh-hd, £17,80; 0, CSF; 30, NR; life, Lamboumi. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £3.00. DF: £8.90, £5F: £23.14. Placepot: £442.20, Quadpot: £43.50. Place 8: £1,478.21. Place 5: £496.29. NEWTON ABBOT
1.50: 1. TILT TECH FLYER (R Johnson)
7-1; 2. Urban Lily 12-1; 3, Tudor Flight
9-2. 15 ran, 100-30 for Youth Siver, 8, 11. (Lones), Twie: £9.20; £4.00, £2.50, £1.90. DF: £26.90, CSF: £85.57, Tricast: £396.14. Tric: £30.60. 2.25; 1. AULO GEORGE (A Thombot) 11-10 Gr.; 2. Maple Dancer 33-1; 3. Sen-jorah Lancaster 5-1. 6 rsv. 24; 27; (A New-combel. 7 otos £1.90; £1.10, £4.90. DF: £19.30. CSF; £19.34. £13.14. Tricast: £85.93. Tro: £49.50.
4.50: 1.1 A NB (W Cason) £1-4; 2. Fetefully Evens far; 3. Setrones £2-1, 14 ran.
5. 24a. (£ Dunlop, Newmarket), Totae £3.70;
£1.70. £1.40. £2.70. DF: £2.80. CSF:
£5.75. Tro: £8.50.
5.20: 1. MISS PRAVDA (Pat Ecdery) 5-2;
2. Beau Bruno 1-3 fav. 2 ran. 20. (P Walwin, Lambourn), Totae £2.00.
Jackpot: £7.770.70; £9.850.20 comed
francer in Newmarket ports.

turning for home that there are

some white bridles [worn by all

Lukas horses] in the area. It

won't be easy to handle our five

This year, Lukas's five Derby runners have compiled a

record of six wins, seven seconds and three thirds in 20 starts, 14

of them in graded stakes races.

But none is coming off a victo-

The five will take Lukas'

number of Derby starters to 31 since 1981. Lukas, who won the

race with Winning Colors in

1988 and Thunder Gulch last

year, insists he only enters hors-

es for the race which hold a real

race, was scratched yesterday

with an abscess on his left front

City By Night, a 12-1 for the

horses.

Combel. Totac £1.90; £1.10, £4.90. DF: £19.30. CSF; £19.34.
2.55: 1. MANE A STAND (D Bridgester) 10: 1: 2. Toppenga 7-1; 3. Rote 5-4 fav. 14 man. 25. 3. (M Papel, Totac: £12.30; £7.60, £2.50, £1.30. DF: £55.80, CSF; £77.88. Tox £28.10. NH: Blazing Maracle, Insh Widdeard, 3.30: 1. DIAMOND FORT IA P McCoyd. 4-1; 2. All For Luck 4-6 tox; 3. Golden Opel 25-1. 6 fax. DS. 1.40. (M CONTROCHE, 1. Totac £3.10; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.40. CSF; £6.97.
4.05: 1. MERTASHUM (8 Ferton) 16-1; 2. Daily Sport Girl 7-4 fax; 3. Sam Diego Charger 5-1. 6 fax. 2, 24. (J Flitch-Hayes). Totac £30.00; £5.20, £1.40. DF: £14.40. CSF; £4.128.
4.40: 1. AIR SHOT (R Johnson) 5-6 fax. 2. Tetherwoods 6-1; 3. Lansdowne 9-2. 11 ras. 14, 11. (0 Nicholson). Tebe: £1.60; £1.10, £2.40. £1.30. DF: £5.60. CSF; £7.10. Tox; £11.00.
5.10: 1. SUVER THYNE [A Bates) 5-1; 2. Country Tarquin 20-1; 3. Decole Evens for. 24, 28, M/s] Parmal, Totac £4.90; £2.20, £3.20, £1.20. DF: £169.40. CSF; £103.73. Tox; £16.40.
Place 6: £17.02. Place 5: £4.31.

tics 5.55 Barrie Star 6.25 Foxles Lad COING: Good (Good to Firm in places). Left-hand course. Run-in of 170rd.

Course is SE of town near B5017. Utometer station (Derby-Crewe line) adjoins course. ADMISSIONs Club £15 (OAPs £12);
Tauersalls £10 (OAPs 57); Course £3. CAR PARE: Free.

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3.20 SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 4f

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HYPERION

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SLINKERED FIRST TIME: Wanstead (visored, 2.40), Star Of David (5-29).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Imperial Honors (6.25) has been sen 28; miles by N Lampard from Eingsbridge, Devon.

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3.10 WS ATKINS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 4f 110yds

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3.40 BIFFA WASTE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS B) £10,000 added 3m 2f

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4.45 WIGERAID HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 3/SOL1 MOVEMENT (25) (25) 7 Seeder 7 11 10 ... A P Michoy C 20005 MISSIER DRUM (14) (2) M Wilderson 7 11 3..... P Crowley (7) SECTIOS SAME CELL (URA) (20) (20) F London 8 10 9 ... Ludder OD4344 SIMPRIME MISSIER (31) (3) Miss C Johnsy 6 10 3... M Mission 50344 SIMPRIME MISSIER (31) (3) Miss C Johnsy 6 10 3... M Mission 52325 MALZARI (USA) (24) (3) A Carrol 11 10 0 ... Chris Webb (5) Seederson (5)

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951TENG-7-4 Persian Tactics, 7-2 Star Of David, 9-2 Cristian Record, 7-1 Test Rietch, 8-1 Michemato, los Range

5,55 HOUGHTON VAUGHAN MAIDEN OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) (DIV I) £2,000

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6.25 HOUGHTON VALIGHAN MAIDEN OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) (DIV II) £2,000

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00 BAYSIAL HONOISS (49) N Lampato 5 11,5 ____ A Broke (6) Eben Al Habeth, 8-1 filtre, 14-1 Go Froite, 20-1 Departm, 25-1 others. WARWICK HYPERION 5.45 A Windy Citizen 6.15 General Shirley 6.45 Edimbourg 7.15 Distant Echo 7.45 Sounds Strong 8.15 Winter Rose

GOING: Good. Left-hand course. urse is west of city on B4095. There is a regular bus service from the rullway stations at both Warwick (1m away) and Learnington Spa (over 2m away). ADMISSION: Club 512 (18 to 24-year-olds 56); Tattermils 58; Course 55. CAR PARK: Club 53.

BUNERRED FIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Final Pride (8.15) has been sent 176 miles by P Bowen from Havenfordwest, Defed; Anatartic Term (8.15) sent 144 miles from G 8 Okkroyd's UpperHeimsley stable in 5.45 WILLOUGHBY NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £1,400 added 2m 4f 110yds

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BETTING: 2-1 Wyoyard Lady, 4-1 O's Last, 7-1 Adopt Figor, Hot Mary, 10-1 Cool Virtue, Flexibing, 14-1 others. 6.45 VETERANS CHASE (CLASS C) £6,000 added 3m 2f 110044 STRANGHT TALK (26) (BF) P Nichols 9 12 0____A P McCop

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7.15 HIGGS & HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 2m 002102 AMANCIO (21) (D) G Harwood 5 11 13.

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BETTING: 11-4 Amencio, 3-1 Albertine, 8-1 Distant Echo, 11-2 Keep Me in Mind, 7-2 Teen Jey, 2-1 Goldings

7.45 ALDERMINSTER NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 4f 110yds 2:1F SOUNDS STRONG (24) (RF) O Nicholson 7:11.9...R.Johnson 10-3313 TOO SHARP (26) (D) (BF) Mass H Knight 8 11.4 F Titley 3 G20246 ARCTIC LIFE (32) J Jenkins 7 11 2 _____ A P McCoy 4 PSBJ-U2 PONTDON BRIDGE (23) (8F) G Harwood 9 11 2.R Defined by 00 SONSWURA (25) P Wegmann 8 10 11...... -7 decimed -

RETINE: 5-4 Sounds Strong, 3-1 Too Sharp, 9-2 Arctic Life, 6-1 Postpo Oridge, 10-1 Sound Forncest, 25-1 The Wayward Bishop, Sciences.

8.15 WASPERTON HILL NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f 110vds

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moss 9et 5th, Fine loka 9et 2th. Martiners Cove 6et 13th, The Secret Seven 8st SETTING: 11-4 Melboor Yalber, 9-2 Winter Rose, 6-1 Stonecrop, 7-1 Romulito, 10-1 Final Price, Peutotre, Autorticiore, 12-1 others.

£4.20; £1.80, £2.20, DF; £9.70, CSF; £16.96. 2.45; 1. JUST BOB () Fortune) 6-1; 2. My Cherryword 8-1; 3. Rinus Menor 33-1. 7 ran. 8-6 fav Garmock Valley (6th). 9, niu. (5 ket) lewel, Middlertarm. Tote: £8.20; £4.90. £4.40, DF; £46.10, CSF; £45.68. 3.20; 1. CALDER DING (MY V Lukansuk) 4-1; 2. Swinging Stotios 7-2; 3. Okt School House 3-1, 5 ran. 7-4 fav Mg Cherokae (4th). 1, ½, Ul. Eyre, Thirish, Totae £4.90; £2.50, £1.80, DF; £5.60, CSF; £16.25, NR; Walworth Lady. GUINEAS

RACING'S GREATEST DAILY **PUBLISHED TOMORROW** SUNDAY

The Sporting Life

FOOTBALL: The race for the Premiership ends tomorrow. Where was it won and lost? Glenn Moore highlights the highlights

Ten matches that forged the championship



Aston Villa 3 Man Utd 1 Newcastle 3 Coventry 0

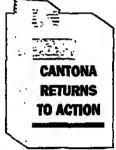
Opening day, the only day of the season when everyone can dream. Except at Old Trafford where optimism is in short supply. After the sum-mer sales of Paul Ince, Andrei Kanchelskis and Mark Hughes there is discontent in the air and some supporters even suggest Alex Ferguson

should go.
The mood deepens when, 45 minutes into the new season, Manchester United are three down to an Asion . and side fresh from narrow!\

escaping relegation.
The visitors are unrecogaisable, and not just because they are wearing grey. They are also fielding a number of teenagers and playing the in-vogue five at the back.

At half-time Ferguson bins the new formation (the kit is to last a few months longer). They pull back a goal and, more importantly, recover

On Tyneside pre-season prayers are gloriously realised. Suggestions that Les Ferdinand and the rest of Kevin Keegan's £14m investment may take time to settle look foolish as Newcastle win handsomely, Ferdinand opens his account with the well-taken third.



Everton 1 Newcastle 3 Man Utd 2 Liverpool 2

Ferdinand, having continued to score through September. notches his 10th goal in nice games as Newcastle go four points clear with a win at Goodison. It is their third away win in four attempts, no signs of travel sickness so far.

But they are overshadowed by events at Old Trafford a few hours later as Eric Cantona makes his long-awaited

In Cantona's absence thing with kids", is looking valid. Manchester United have reing day déback but, even with him, they are unable to overby York City in the Coca-Cola Cup. York will end the season fighting relegation to the Third Division.







Key moments (from top left, clockwise): Manchester United lose at Aston Villa on the opening day; Eric Cantona celebrates his winner for United against Liverpool on his return from suspension in October; Stan Collymore fires Liverpool's late winner in a 4-3 win over Newcastle last month; and Kevin Keegan loses his cool at Leeds earlier this week

NEWCASTLE MISS THEIR LIONS

Man Utd 2 Newcastle 0

As autumn has turned to winter Newcastle have gone from gliding through away games to grinding them out but they still arrive at Old Trafford beaten twice in 23 games and with a 10point lead. Ruel Fox has gone, to Spurs, but Philippe Albert is back from injury

Manchester United have return. He has a quiet match shone at Chelsea, where Newand seems about to be up- castle lost, but gone down at Arstaged by Robbie Fowler's senal and Anfield. The stunning brace when he coully youngsters are showing signs of converts a controversial strain and Alan Hansen's assessment, "you'll never win any-

Yet Newcastle are hrushed covered well from the open- aside, with Roy Keane Outstanding. He scores the second, having been beautifully picked turn a shock 3-0 home defeat out by the emerging Phil Neville. The first is a rare goal

from Andy Cole. Cole's goal, driven in on the run, is part of a four-game scor-ing streak – otherwise he fails to

PREMIERSHIP AND

League matches, Newcastle's gloom is deepened when the Keith Gillespie ruptures a thigh

The circus came to town but the lions and tigers did not turn up," Keegan said. "You have to earn the right to be champions," said Ferguson, firing the first shot of the psychological battle.

The odds still favour Keegan, the last six New Year's Eve leaders have become champions and, when Manchester United go down 4-1 at Spurs on New Years' Day, it looks as if Newcastle will be the seventh.



Newcastle 2 Bolton 1

Newcastle's 1996 has started hadly. They have gone out of the FA Cup on penalties to Chelsea at St James' Park, and were heaten in the Coca-Cola Cup by Highhury. David Ginola was police had to intervene in a conviction and alleged ex-porn model griffriend fill the tabloids McDermott and Bruce Rioch.

However, as the pundits say. it does leave them free to concentrate on the League and victory over Bolton secures a 12-point lead with 15 games left.

Manchester United play on Monday and gain three points at West Ham. Cantons is regaining form and fitness but he impresses by acting as peacemaker after Julian Dicks' foul on Andy Cole starts a row. Butt is sent off. TOP POLIR: Newcaste 23-54; Liverpool 23-42; Manchester Utd 23-42; Totterham



Man Utd 1 Blackburn 0 Middleshrough 1 Newcastle 2

League since Old Trafford but Keegan is not convinced. He wants to make sure and, after weeks of "Will he? Won't he?" signs Faustino Asprilla for

the broadsheets ask, how will he

The answer seems to be "perfeetly". He goes from the risport arrivals to the sui vienes bench before coming on and winning a derby Newcastle seemed about to lose. Manchester United's dull win is notable only for underlining the decline of the current champions

TOP FOUR: Newcastle 25-60; Manchester Utd 28-51; Liverpool 25-48; Aston Ville



By heing beaten at West Ham, and held at Manchester City (litcrally, in the case of Asprilla who takes exception to Keith Curle's grappling). Newcastle have seen the lead cut to four points.

But, however worrying their struggles on the road they have been able to count on maximum Arsenal in a fractious tie at £7.5m. No doubts about his points at home and they welcome Manchester United

saves them all and, as Newcastle's hurricane blows itself out Cantona sneaks in at his favourite far post to steal the winner. The result also opens the door for Liverpool who ended Villa's challenge, and underlined their own, with an eight-minute demolition the

won 13. The visitors are equally

confident after winning eight

straight but are subjected to a

stunning barrage of pressure.

Asptilla is untouchable as he

creates chance after chance for

Ferdinand. Peter Schmeichel

previous day.



OPR 1 Man Utd 1

After six months of chasing Manchester United finally catch up with Newcastle. It takes a very late goal from - who else? - Cantona and a generous measure of injury time to do it.

are heard on Tyneside, echoing the short-sighted doubters of Two days later Newcastle reing streak - otherwise he fails to Highhury. David Ginola was ability, just his temperament. come Manchester United Two days later Newcastle restrike even in consecutive sent off for retaliation and While stories about his gun backed by the record: played 13, spond in style, ripping West Old Trafford's pre-season. For

chester United's to hise, as well as Newcastle s.



Southampton 3 Man Utd 1

With the spotlight on them Manchester United wither in its glare. Call it superstition or call it, as United try to, a technical problem with picking each other out. Whatever, the half-time shirtchange at The Dell speaks as loudly as the grey perfor-mance about the strain of being favourites.

The following day New-castle, who had suffered Easter heartbreak when Graham Fenton stole three points from his heroes at Blackburn, edge past Villa and the race is on again. Liverpool, having lost at Coventry, have finally bowed



Leeds United 0 Newcastle United 1

Manchester United have demolished Nottingham Forest, Ferguson finally biting the bullet and dropping Cole. The five-goal reward has put their goal difference beyond reach and the pressure back

on Newcastle. . The players cope with it, aided by the belated return to the ranks of Gillespie and Lady Luck, but the manager does not. After his team have beaten a hyped-up Leeds Keegan explodes on television. With moist eyes and jabhing finger he accuses Ferguson, not without justification, of doing the hyping. His players, depending on their nature, think "good on yer, boss" or "oh God, the gatter's lost it

Ferguson himself falls silent, the job done. TOP TWO: Manchester Utd 37-79 (+35); Newcastle 36-76 (+29).

Newcastie were held 1-1 by another pumped-up team, Nottingham Forest. A bad result, but, generally, not a had performance.

This is of little consolation to them, Keegan or the Toon Army whose 10-month odyssey now looks like ending in failure.

However, after such a sea-It is Keegan's turn to he

son as this, few would suggest there might not be another

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE TABLES Howard doing it the wrong way

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In the first half of their European Cup tie against Rangers at Ibrox in the autumn of 1992. Leeds' captain, Gordon Stra-

chan, scored a sweet goal from who wrongly called it offside. The goal would have put Leeds 2-0 up with the return leg at Elland Road to come. It was quite possibly a pivotal moment. If Leeds had extended that European Cup run, perhaps Howard Wilkinson would have retained a little longer the services of a certain Frenchman. Whatever the silverware heading for Old Trafford this season, Manchester United fans know that once again they must thank Howard Wilkinson for their player of the year, if not

Perhaps no one other than the inspirational Wilkinson could have brought the League championship back to Elland Road just three and a half years after taking over in the basement of the old Second Division, but then only the idiosyncratic Yorkshireman would have committed the transfer blunder of the generation. Eric Cantona was the last piece of the jigsaw that made Leeds an awesome, thrilling attacking force.

Here was Currie, Giles, how Howard has completely Clarke and Gray rolled into missed the point by confusing his one. The ultimate Leeds play- philosophical niceties with the

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FAN'S EYE VIEW

Leeds United Giles Dexter

er - highly skilled but capable of looking after himself. The team. embodiment of all the virtues of the Don Revie version of total football.

Let us not forget the intensity and passion of Cantona's Cantona" and made it into a record, and to them that Eric deonship trophy in hand, "I love you. I don't know why, but I love you." When Wilkinson sent the Frenchman to Manchester, he not only robbed his side of its best player, he broke the Leeds supporters' hearts. At a stroke, he destroyed their imagination, their dream, the belief that they would see the promised land. Wilkinson has offered the excuse that he and Eric had differing philosophies on life. This observation simply illustrates

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soon after taking charge led Wilkinson to believe that he

love affair with the Leeds fans who first recognised his genius. It was the Leeds supporters who coined the chant "Ooh, ash clared from the balcony of Leeds' Town Hall, champi-Pemberton and Lucas Radebe who did not cost £1m between

business of running a football Perhaps winning the title so

could do no wrong, but he to-tally failed to build on that success. Wilkinson's failure to acquire a high quality central de-fensive pairing has been the cause of many of his recent trouhles. Where other sides have invested heavily Leeds have tried to defend on the cheap. The centre of defence this season has been based around David hall, he and the board pro-Wetherall, Paul Beesley, John

them - and it shows. The Cantona débacle apart, Wilkinson's activity in the transfer market has been very frequent and frequently bizarre. His deals remind one of a parsimonious housewife, always on the lookout for har- club like Leeds. Cantona fagains past their sell-by date. mously boasted to Wilkinson Having found Strachan for a song, there has since been an endless quest for another thirty-something bargain.

After the sale of Batty a match banner read "We've got rid of the Crown Jewel, now let's get rid of the Silver". David Batty, Noel Whelan and Eric Cantona were sold for a grand total of £5.7m, while Carlton Palmer, Brian Deane and Tomas Brolin cost £10m between them. How far Leeds have back-

peddled in the last few seasons was illustrated in the week that saw them totally outplayed at Antield in the FA Cup and all but humiliated in the Coca-Cola Cup final. The cup runs were achieved almost entirely against lower-division opposition. The thrilling team of a few

seasons ago is now just a memory. The tragedy of the Wilkinson era is that having created a side capable of sizzling footceeded to dismantle it. Wilkinson's man management deficiencies will soon deprive Leeds of another

world-class player with the impending departure of the de-moralised Brolin, while Tony Yeboah has understandably declared he has no wish to continue his career at a "nobody" that he could win him championships. Howard was alone in not believing him. Perhaps he does now.

Arsenal y Bolton

Ham apart to regain the lead

Asprilla is in rich form but, not

for the first time, chances go

HEARTBREAK

ANFIELD

The game of the season, and per-

haps the one that breaks New-

castle. While Manchester United

pause for breath, having sealed

a place in the FA Cup final, their

Liverpool lead inside two

minutes through Fowler but

Newcastie take up the gauntiet,

responding through Ferdinand

and Ginola. Fowler levels, hut

Asprilla restores the lead. New-

castle have chances to seal it but

waste them. Stan Collymore

then scores twice, the second in

injury time, to win it for the

questioned. Dissenting voices

Reds - both of them.

rivals go head-to-head.

Liverpool 4 Newcastle 3

Top-scorer lan Wright, who missed the midweek statemate against Liverpool with a back injury, is not likely to be lit to help Arsenal seek May to be in to help Arsenal seek the victory that would seal a Uefa. Cup place. Defender Adams is also ruled out. Botton, atready relegated, have striker Blaike available after suspension, while goal-keeper Branagan, full back Small and Sumett are in contention. Chelsea v Blackburn

England Under 21 defender Du-berry, suspended for last week's draw with Tottenham, will have a fitness test but otherwise Hoddle has a full strength squad for his final match as Chelsea manager. Blackburn's Norwegian midfielder Bohinen (call strain) is in line for his first, Premieration match in three months. Coleman (leg) is fit after missing lest week's draw with Arsenal but Newell (hamstring) is Coventry v.Leeds

Richardson (knee) and Paul Williams (calf) are doubtful for Coverny, who welcome back defender Daish (ban), Strachart may face his former club. Leeds, may race his former club. Leeds, aiming to avoid a club record saverith successive defear, will be without the injured Ford, Speed, Dorigo, Deane, Pemberton, Johnson, Brolin and Yebosh are injured-but goalkeeper Beeney (bar) savallable again.

Everton v Aston Villa Southgate (knee ligament) returns from a six-week lay-off, but Johnson is benned and Taylor injured but Yorke is fit after mis weekend's home defeat by Manchaster City. Everton welcome back Home and Hincheliffs (bans) and Parkinson is fit again.

Man City v Liverpool City are unchanged after last weekend's victory at Ville Park. Its erpool defender Wilgit (back) is fit.

Hammers, who give tests fielders Moncur and Bishore pool defender Wilgit (back) is fit.

Lampard is on stand-by.

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TEAM NEWS

Middlesbrough v Man Util England Under 21. midfielder Mustoe (knee) returns for Middlesand Fleming are both ruled out. United are expected to keep the team that beat Nottingham For-

Anderton is expected to make his third start in a week following a mind start in a week notowing a seven-month lay-off with groin trouble in an unchanged line-up as Spurs pursue a place in the Uefa Cup. Newcastie, needing to win to keep their title hopes alive, are also likely to be unchanged with Asprilla on the bench. Nottingham Forest v QPR

Forest expect to be unchanged after holding Newcastle to a 1-1 draw on Thursday Impey (ban) misses QPE's barevel to the up flight after 12 years in the top flight. The rest of the squad are availables.

Venison (ben) returns to lead Southernition's attempt to escape relegation. He will replace Mad-dison. or Widdrington. Winger Walters is suspended. Norwegan Leoningrosen (ankle) may return for a Wimbledon return after a month on the sidelines, possibly as a replacement for captain

West Ham v Sheff Wed

Wednesday welcome back de-fender Newsome (ban). Manag-er Pleat is likely to keep faith with goalkeeper Pressman despite criticism of his display last week. Striker Dowie (ban) returns for the Hammers, who give tests to mid-fielders Moncur and Bishop, while

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JOHN ROBERTS reports from Newcastle

Greg Rusedski gave Britain a winniog start against Slovenia in their Euro-African zone Group Two tie here yesterday, but it was hard work for both the Canadian-born power server and the spectators.

Rusedski defeated the 21year-old Borut Urh, ranked 420 places below him at No 478, in four sets, baving looked as if he would make short work of the No 2 player from a Balkan republic with a population of only 1.97 million. The score, 6-1, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 illustrates the way the match began to swing away from Rusedski's cootrol.

After a smooth beginning when the Brit appeared to use the surrounds as a shooting gallery. Ball boys and line judges were forced to dive for cover to avoid being belted by

Rusedski's mighty serves. This went on for the best part of an bour and a balf, during which Urb was barely able to cope. The Slovenian, however, gradually gained confidence in the third set, bolstered by his oppooeot's numerous errors, par-ticularly on the backhand, which was a constant source of frustration for Rusedski.

After saving a break point in the opening game of the set, Urh only six points off his serve and brought his total of aces to 18 his game seized up in the tie-break. Rusedski failed to win a point

in the shoot-out, which began with his dumping a backhand into the net with an agonised shout of "hit it"! Rusedski's fifth double-fault

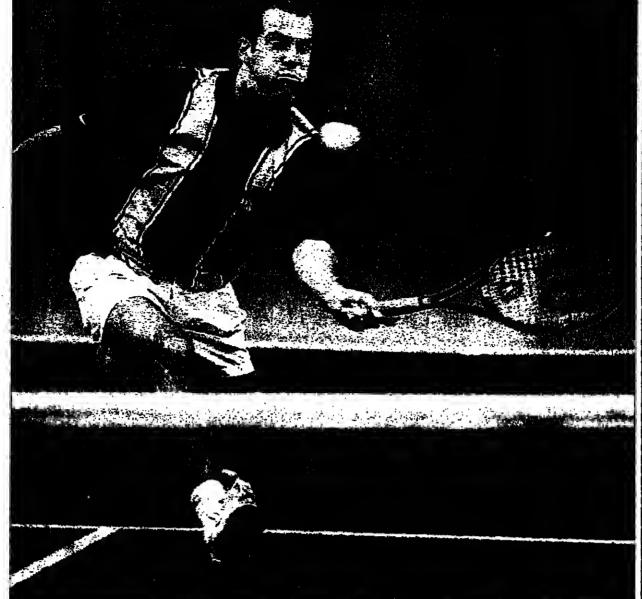
of the match presented Uhr with six set points, and he glee-fully took the first of them, hauling himself back into the contest with a backhand balf-volley. Rusedski created a breakpoint in the second game of the fourth set, but Urh swiftly served

it out of his grasp. Another op-portunity came Rusedski's way in the sixth game when be foxed his opponent with a forehand lob, only to squander the chance by oetting another backhand. There were two further deuces in the game before Rusedski netted a service return. Irritated, perhaps, with his inability to break through,

Rusedski thundered down another ace in the next game. Urh finally cracked in the eighth game. He saved one break poiot which Rusedski had crafted with a superb topspin lob but then doublefaulted to offer the chance of a secood. Rusedski made no mistake this time, passing his op-poneot with a forehand down

The lob was still not quite complete, Indeed Rusedski found himself 0-40 down and it was at this stage of the pro- to bring the score to deuce.

the line and releasing a roar of



Greg Rusedski plays a forehand volley in his four-set defeat of Borut Urh yesterday

ceedings when Rusedski was seen at his best. He produced an ace to save the first break point, a forehand volley to whisk away the second and a service winner

The Slovenian then hit a baseline to lose it. An ace gave forehand service return over the baseline to give Rusedski a glimpse of a match point. A glimpse was all it was, Ruseds-ki volleyed a forehand over the match point and when he hit yet 26th - clinched the match.

him a second chance, but this time he misdirected a forehand volley. The backhand let

another ace the spectators belo their breath to see what would happen on match point four. They need not have been con-

Photograph: David Ashdowr

cerned. A trademark ace - his

Quinnell set to make union switch

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan yesterday sounded re-signed to losing their Welsh forward, Scott Quinnell, to Richmond, after the union club made him "an offer he can't

The 23-year-old dual international, who joined Wigan on a four-year contract worth a basic £50,000 a season in September 1994, is expected to join Richmond at the end of this Super League season. The Wigan chairman, Jack Robinson, confirmed Richmond's approach and said that the offer to the player, thought to be around £300,000 over three years, would double his earnings. "We really cannot match such financial power, whilst Scott has an offer he probably can't refuse," he said.

Wigan's straitened finances bave seen them fail to retain a string of leading players over the last two years and others, like the Test prop, Kelvin Skerrett,

would leave for the right offer.
"Our first team squad is thin already,"Graeme West, their coach, said. "This is another frustrating piece of news, We really can't afford to lose any more players. The ones that have already left haven't heen reolaced.

The question of a fee for Quinnell, a major success in league after a tentative start, has still to be addressed, His move back to union, however, would mark a shift in the relationship between the two codes of rugby. Although players like Jonathan Davies and Adrian Hadley have returned to union and David Young is due to do

so at the end of this season,

convert to switch back while still in his prime.

Richmond are also thought to be pursuing a deal to take Leeds' former Bath winger, Jim Fallon, back to the 15-a-side

Meaowhile, Quinnell will play for Wigan against Paris St Germain tomorrow, although Skerrett, Neil Cowie and Martin Offiah are all doubtfut and face fitness tests today.

Much of the interest else-where will centre on how St Helens and the Bradford Bulls get back into their stride after fast Saturday's classic Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley. Super League leaders Suints

are at home to Oldham, with the Cup-tied Australian, Derck McVey, coming into their pack to replace the injured Andy Northey, Oldham, the surprise side of the competition so far, are without the suspended Scott Ranson and Jason Temu and, more damagingly still, their injured captain, Martin Crompton.

The Bulls have been a magnet for sympathy and praise af-ter their efforts in the final, but the fact remains that they have now lost their last three games and badly need a win over Warrington this afternoon. They are without a Wembley casualty. Sonny Nickle being ruled out with a dislocated shoulder, but have the Cup-tied James Lowes

and Steve McNamara back. Bradford have denied rumours that their captain and Wembley Lance Todd Trophy winner, Robbie Paut, is to join his brother, Henry, at Wigan.

Leeds have their captain, Neil Harmon, back in their starting line-up and Carl Hall on the bench against the London Broocos, with Marcus Vassilakopoulos preferred to Mick Quinnell would be the first Shaw at hooker.

Bond finds Hendry in premium form again

Snooker

GUY HODGSON reports from Sheffield

Ask a snooker player what he fears most and the No 1 answer would be snapping his cue. Not far down the list, however, would be meeting Stephen Hendry at The Crucible. The man is dangerous anywhere but here he would make the non-heel bits of

fellow sinners

given day off

Paul Gascoigne may have col-

lected both the players' and

football writers' footballer of the

year awards in Scotland, but he

would revert to his alternative

role of buffoon if he was to pick

up a yellow card in the Premier

Division at Kilmarnock today

and miss oext weekend's Ten-

cannot bave a brush with any-

thing so daft, and with the

club's eighth successive league

title already under lock and key.

Rangers manager, Walter Smith, is resting Gascoigne,

Richard Gough, Andy Goram, Gordan Petric, John Brown and Alex Cleland for the trip to

Rugby Park. All of them are

only one booking away from being banned for the Cup final.

To make absolutely sure be

nents Scottish Cup final.

and yesterday he made it look likely that he would push that first figure to 24 by taking a 10-4 lead in the semi-finals of the Embassy World Championship. His opponent, Nigel Bond, might make a comeback: Margaret Thatcher might become leader of the Labour Party.

It is 23 matches and five years ture of health in anyone else and year in the final. Yesterday he knocking off a quick 77 - but it 12th frame but any hope he had heat N Bond (Eng) 10-4.

Lennox Lewis's hopes of fight-

ing Mike Tyson for the World Boxing Council heavyweight

championship received a sig-

nificant boost with a New Jer-

sey judge's confirmation that

anyone else.

Tyson must meet Lewis before

Superior Court Judge Amos

Saunders turned down a request

from the World Boxing Asso-

ciation champion, Bruce Sel-don, to allow him to fight Tyson

in a unification contest in July, and in so doing reaffirmed his injunction of 15 March pre-

venting Tyson from fighting

be getting in touch with us very

"I would think Don King will

anyone but Lewis.

since the Scot was beaten here even before he began his match with Bond he had being playing so badly he had recorded eight centuries. As the record for the whole tournament is 12 (held by Hendry) you can gauge the depths he had plumbed.

Which would be intimidating enough for anyone but Bond has more reason than most to Hendry, himself, admits he count the scars because he has the wonder was how he manhas been below his best so far been beaten by Hendry in the but the five-times champion off last three championships, twice colour would look like the pic- in the quarter-finals and last

quickly," Frank Maloney,

Lewis, who is training for a

non-title fight on Friday against

Ray Mercer, and Maloney in-sist there will be no deal with

King to allow Tyson to fight Sel-

Lewis to step aside or make a

day 15 seconds in arrears. New ton's speed against the clock has given him the lead four times

previously in races as far apart

as Malaysia and Scotland, and he

jersey for the rest of the race. I

"I would not advise Lennox

Lewis' manager, said.

don first.

had the misfortune to run into was the third that inflicted the him just when he found his ruthless streak for the first time.

Only seven frames were played yesterday, which was an act of kindness by the sched-uler's part because Bond had the look of a man who had taken too much punishment by the end. Hendry took six of the seven and aged to miss out on the other. The first frame set the tone -Bond missing a black, Hendry

sort of reverse that shatters a player's confidence. Bood led 62-0 with a break of 61 and appeared to have arrested a flow that had seen his opponent go from 3-1 down to 6-3 ahead.

Another black rattling in the jaws of a corner pocket let Hendry in, however, and it was almost cruel to watch as he more than £5.4m and ensures cleared the table to take the frame with a break of 64. Bond managed to stem the flow in the

of reining Hendry in vanished with breaks of 76 and 71 in the final two frames of the day.
Imperial Tobacco, who have sponsored the World Snooker Championship through their Embassy brand since 1976, have agreed to back the event until the year 2000. The four-year deal guarantees prize money of that the event will remain at The Crucible.

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Gascoigne and Judge insists Tyson Last chance to impress

Hockey

BILL COLWILL

Great Britain's men play their hosts, Malaysia, in their open-ing game in the Six Nations Sul-tan Azlan Shah Cup in Ipob this morning in the knowledge that their coach, David Whitaker, intends to announce his Olympic squad on his return.

deal with Doo King unless it is While most of the squad will Mike Tysoo coming out of the other corner," Maloney said.
"By me stepping aside, they may come up with some plan of have already done enough to confirm their places, the tour-nament provides a final chance for the three players who bave an attack that may cause me not come into the reckoning after to be able to face Mike Tyson last month's Atlanta tournain the ring," Lewis said. "I ment - the relative newcomers would love to take this ont of Danny Hall and Howard Hoskin, and Phil McGuire, who the courtroom and into the ring. It is quite clear Tyson is deathly afraid of Lengox al scene after nearly a year out Lewis."

The absence of Simon Hazlitt with a hamstring injury gives Soma Singh another chance to stake his claim as the cover defeoder with McGuire also in contention. Assuming that leaving corner specialist Calum Giles behind is nothing more than a tactical decision, described by Whitaker as "to keep our main powder keg dry", then the last place would seem to be between Hall, Hoskin and

Teddington celebrate their 125 years with an international veterans tournament at their Broom Road grounds where the Olympic gold medallist Sean Kerly is set to make his first veteran's appearance for Rich-mond. Overseas visitors are Klein Zwitzerland from The Hague, Harvestebuder, from

19-year-old Mark Pearn who

was in Atlanta.

Hamburg, and from Dublin. Three Rock Rovers. The final stages of the County

Championship take centre stage today and tomorrow at the Milton Keynes Stadium with the finals of the Under 14, 16 and 18's Youth Cups on Monday. The women's AEWHA Cup semi-finals take place tomor-row. Chelmsford, at home to

Clifton, could be without Lynn Bollingtoo while Clifton may be missing their captain, Tammy Miller, just back with Great Britain from Atlanta but carrying a calf injury. In the second all-Premier game, Doncaster entertain Ipswich.

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R Thompson, G Fordhem (Hounslow).

Howell exploits some tough conditions

David Howell, the former Walker Cup golfer from Swindon, completed his first round in a five-under-par 66 despite suffering from a wrist injury in the Italian Open in Bergamo yes-

terday. Howell, 20, is now in joint second with Italy's Costantino Rocca and Swedeo's Patrik Sjoland, ooe stroke behind the leader Gary Evans, who shot a 65 before a thunderstorm and heavy rain caused play to be abandoned the day before. At that time Howell had played 12 holes in two uoder par and had hit his approach five feet from

the flag oo the 13th green. Yesterday he immediately holed the five-footer for a birdie three and had two more birdies, at the 16th and 17th, to finish in 66, just before another thunderstorm followed by rain, halled play for more than two

Weather permitting, the secand only the top 50 players, instead of the usual 65, and those tied for 50th place, will play the last two rounds tomorrow.

Howell is a little concerned at having to play three rounds in two days, assuming be makes tomorrow's cut. "I've a strained er to be just one over.

tendon in my right wrist," he said. "And it hurts on the followthrough but the worst pain is on my backswing - if I'm too quick."

The promising Howell made it on to the European Tour through the qualifying school last November and has been joint eighth twice and joint 12th once in the eight tournaments be has competed in.

Io the second round of the Welsh Women's Open in St Pierre, Chepstow, yesterday. Lisa Hackney showed the ben-cfits of a winter spent training in Florida by taking an early

Hackney, who ended last season with a Tour-best third place in the Spanish Open. added a 75 to her opening 73 and that was good enough to set the target for the rest of the field as blustery cooditions caused problems.

The 28-year-old finished her round just as the overnight leaders, Lora Fairetough and Caroline Hall were setting out

Both resumed with bogey sixes to slip back to level par as Stephanic Dallongeville, of France, the only other player to break par yesterday, went to the turn in 40 and needed birdies at the 12th and 15th to recov-

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Things which have been said over the last few days have been almost slanderous. I think you have to send a tape of the game to Alex Ferguson, Isn't that fife. Leeds performance] what he wants. Kevin Keegan. the Newcastle manager, gets very emotional after the United manager cast doubt on the commitment of Leeds for the match against

Newcastle. ithink I would love it if we could beat them. He's (Ferguson) gone down a lot in my estimation. Kee-

I don't know how I did it but I did. I've had 14 operations so I deserve this more than anyone. Paul Gascolgne celebrates Rangers' Scottish title win. am comminced the England selectors do not know Kent are a first-class county. Graham Cowdrey on the task of Kent players in the England set-up.

Newton gets his timing right

fights Lewis next

The Olympic hopeful Chris Newton pulled on the yellow jersey for the fifth time this year after winning the time-trial stage of the Thwaites Grand Prix near Preston, writes Robin Nicholl. He averaged 22mph over a 3.3-mile course, finishing 13 seconds ahead of Jon Clay, the 1992 winner of this five-day race through Lancashire and Cumbria.

Newton deposed his teammate, Paul Jennings, from his overnight lead after starting the just had to go for it."

said yesterday: "I hope I can hang on to this one. Our tear is now pulling together bet ar than in the previous race ...nen I was our only man in cootention, so there is every chance. "I was sure I could produce something in the time trial and even if it means defending the

Cadle cool on rule change

The fans who watch this weekend's Budweiser League playoffs at Wembley Arena when London Towers play Manches-ter Giants and Sheffield Sharks face Birmingham Bullets, may be seeing English players such as Steve Bucknall, Martin Heolan, Trevor Gordon and Roger

Huggins for the last time, writes Duncan Hooper. The league's decision to allow five foreigners per team next seasoo instead of two, could

force the hetter English players to join Continental clubs as English teams spend their money on imports. At least two chubs, London Leopards and Chester Jets are lining up five Americans each for next season.

This is a route that Towers' coach, Kevin Cadle, will not be following. Cadle, whose players are poised to complete a clean sweep of all four domestic trophies, said: "Most English chubs can't recruit two good Ameri-cans, so how do they think they'll suddenly find five?"

Athletics Attack tests world 100 metres hurdles silver medallist, Olga Shishigina, has been banned for four years pendurg a hearing after testing positive for the steoold stanozolol at an indoor meeting in Ghent, Belgium, lest February.

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SPORTING DIGEST Howard Kendall's success in steering Sheffield United from the relegation zone to the fringe of the play-offs was recognised yesterday when he was named Endsleigh insurance League First Division manager of the month.

Stave McMahon, manager of Swindon, won the Second Division award after taking his team to the championship and Graham Tumer, the former Wolves manager, is the Third Division managem. er of the month after gading his side into the play-offs. Don Goodman, the Wolves striker, could be out for up to 12 months with the fractured skull he suffered sgainst Huddersfield last weekend.

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Faith Terrim, the Turkish netional manager, said yesterday he would resign after nea month's European Championship, assing his chances of taking over from Graeme Sources as manager of Galattaseray.

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ice hockey NRL STANEEY GUP Second-round play-off's Ensham Conference soul-finals: Florida 2 Philodelphia () Florida leid best of-seen series 1-0). Western Conference send-finals: Chec-go 3 Colombo 2 (alt) (Chicago leid best of-sev-in series 1.0).

Rugby League

Ray Ashton, Bramley's player-coach, was yesterday suspended from playing for six weeks after being found guilty by a sub-committee of the Rugby Football League's board of directors of bringing the game into disrepute. Ashton verbally abused pater Cilimpea, the Workshotton. abused Peter Gilmore, the Workington referee, at the end of Bramley's 26-6 defeat in a Second Division game at Carisse on 21 April. Garry Schubert, Workington's Australian-born forward, has been appointed coach of Second Division Barrow.

Workington have a vacancy on their overseas quota after Lafaele Filipo, their 30-year-old prop forward, was confirmed as holding a Samoan passport and will count as an emerging nations player.

Rugby Union

Simon Shaw, the England A lock, will play his first senior game for five months when he turns out for Bristol at West Hardlepool in the last Courage League game of the season tomorrow. Shaw sustained a career threatening ankle injury when Bristol played Transvaal in November.

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United face the Captain Marvel factor

GUY HODGSON

An alarming vision has been disturbing Manchester United supporters since it became clear the championship could be decided on the season's final day tomorrow. They see a mud-spattered figure charging into the area, determination dripping from every pore, to head the goul that denies United a third Premiership title in four years.

The figure is Bryan Robson. and the thought of Old Trafinto Corporal Punishment has been enough to give United supporters anxiety attacks. The Middlesbrough player-manager, too, in all probability, because he is an invidious position.
The chances of Robson tak-

ing the field tomorrow are slight -the prospect of becoming a latter-day Denis Law is too awful but he would probably prefer if the club he is most associated with could win the title almost anywhere else. If Middlesbrough win, he could be denying old friends a prize, lose limply and the mutterings from Newcastle about collusion will begin.

Which is hard on Middlesbrough who have played since Christmas like they could lose to United syouth team, never mind the champions elect. In their last League eight matches at the Riverside, they have won only once and as that was against the Premiership's current whipping boys. Sheffield Wednesday.

Given usual circumstances you would expect United to get the win they need, but the conditions are far from normal and they might well be clinging on to a point by tomorrow evening while hoping Newcastle do not get the six goals they need against Tottenham at St James' Park to deny them on goal difference.

ters from United supporters this season wishing me well," Robson, who still lives in the Manchester area, said. "I wouldn't like to lose them as fans but we have 27,000 season tickets to try to entertain. I can assure everyone my players will be determined to do their best."

Words that will soothe a few battered souls on Tyneside who are enlarging straws to the size of planks as they clutch for something to forget they once had a 12-point lead. "I think the way we performed showed we have the ability to win the title," ford's Captain Marvel turning Kevin Keegan, their manager, said after Thursday's 1-1 draw against Nottingham Forest virtually huried their hopes, "but it's not how we play now, it's how the table looks."

Little has gone right for Newcastle in their run-in and even the choise of opponent tomorrow could be better as Tottenham require a win to help their Uefa Cup aspirations. A defeat for both championship contenders. and an anti-climactic conclusion, is not out of the question.

When it comes to disappointing finishes, however, Sheffield Wednesday, are becoming masters. Six years ago they appeared on the blind side of everyone and managed to snatch relegation on the line and this year they making a pretty fine job a staging a repeat, matching their 1990 run of four points in six games going into their final game.

If they lose tomorrow and Southampton, Coventry and Manchester City win, Wednesday are relegated. "I've had sleepless nights," David Pleat. their manager said. "We have to assume that the other teams below us will win. We have to believe that otherwise our attitude may be wrong. We're ready for the weekend of decision."

So are Manchester City. whose weekend could be made complete by neighbours United

winning the championship while they are relegated. They face Liv-erpool at Maine Road knowing they have to do better than their relegation rivals because goal difference could condemn them.

The City manager, Alan Ball, is looking for a similar performance to the 1-0 win at Aston Villa last weekend. "I asked them to sweat blood that day and they did," he said. "If we do the same again we will have no fears against Liverpool." A repeat of the victory last Easter that eased their relegation problems last season would do nicely.

Should City prevail fans of Southampton could be watching the last performance for the club by Matt Le Tissier, who has said he will leave if they are relegated. They face Wimbledon, who are underdogs with sharp teeth but more supine when it comes to teams of level rank.

Coventry showed that last week when they won 2-0 at Selhurst Park. Seasoned escapologists, if they could have chosen their opponents tomorrow they would probably have plumped for Leeds who have had six successive defeats - their worst run since 1948 - and have collected 33 out of their last 102 points.

This in the ninth time in the 29 seasons Coventry have been in the top flight that their survival has depended on the final match and every time they have been successful. The one black omen is their manager, Ron Atkinson, who presided over Sheffield Wednesday's fall in 1990.

As an interesting footnote to Wednesday's hlack day, Middlesbrough saved themselves from relegation to the old Third Division with a 4-1 victory on their old ground, Ayresome Park. Their opponents on that occasion were Newcastle.

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It could be you: Glenn Hoddle (left), preparing his Chelsea players yesterday for their last game under his reign as manager, at home to Blackburn tomorrow, picks out the Dutchman Ruud Guilit, who could become his successor at Stamford Bridge Photograph: Robert Hallam

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Gullit interested in Chelsea job

Rund Gullil yesterday opened the way for Chelsea to appoint him as Glenn Hoddle's successor at Stamford Bridge.

The move would clearly win the approval of the new Eng-land coach, who stressed that "continuity" is all important as he prepared for an emotional farewell at home to Blackburn tomorrow. Chelsea's hierarchy meet before that game to discuss their options.

mours you are thinking about how you would do it," Gullit said yesterday. "I would need lo talk to them about how things would be run, what would you like to change. There are so

ficially, but because of all the ru- training ground, spoke at some

many things to think about, but

the job hasn't been offered yet." "It is wise to consider it now because everyone is talking about it. I was honoured by the way the fans reacted and also the way the players reacted."

England. "I don't want to get too involved with what is going lo happen with England at the moment," he said. "It's not fair to Terry [Venables]; he's got a massive job on his hands and he

doesn't want a side circus. "I'll be stepping into the back-ground and looking at Moldova, Georgia and Poland. I already have the fixtures and have got something set in my

The final hurdle

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Brittle kept in place by RFU

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

The notion, widespread yesterday morning, that the Rugby Football Union was about to reach a settlement of its dispute with England's leading clubs turned to dust last night when the RFU committee balked at moving against the chairman of its executive, Cliff Brittle.

Some members had been considering seeking Brittle's re-moval as chairman of the RFU's negotiators after his refusal to meet representatives of English Professional Rugby Union Clubs on Wednesday. In the event the challenge was never mounted and instead the committee expressed the hope that Brittle, Bill Bishop, the RFU president, and Donald Kerr, chairman of Epruc, would swiftly meet again to resolve who controls profes-

sional club rugby and who takes the money from it. What progress there has been occurred in Brittle's absence on Wednesday, when Bishop, having been appointed by the ex-ecutive against Brittle's wishes as independent chairman of the union/club negotiations, decided to proceed without him. By Wednesday night Bishop was ex-uding optimism that a settlement

was in reach. Instead, there was a contra dictory statement from the RFU last night which both extolled Bishop for effectively going be-hind Brittle's back and explicitly left Brittle in place. "The Rugby Football Union committee congratulated the president on the progress made in his discussions with Epruc, in particular the con-tinued confirmation that the senior clubs wished to remain in

the RFU," it said. "The committee agreed with the president that a further meeting should be held as soon as possible under his independent chairmanship, with Cliff Brittle and Donald Kerr as leaders of the RFU and Epruc negotiating teams respectively, in order to bring the detail of these negoti-ations to a speedy conclusion." Bishop yesterday denied a re-port that Brittle's supporters

were threatening to have Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, sacked Brittle did recently ask Hallett for details of his contract, as well as that of Michael Humphreys, the RFU's media adviser - scarcely a chairman's vote of confidence.

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In Mondays 24 page sports section Best of the action On a major weekend of sport, reports from all the Steve Bale and Tim Glover-

With the Premiership sea-son set for a thrilling finish tomornow, Glenn Moore re-ports on Manchester Unif-ed's visit to Middlesbrough and Phil Shaw reports from St James Park as Newcas-de United take on Totten-ham Hotspur. Plps reports from the all the other Premiership games and the decisive matches in the Endstelen Pist Division, Nen Jones on What has

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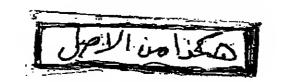
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